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ATTITUDE OF TURKEY TOWARDS BRITAIN AND GERMANY EXPLAINED: WILL NOT BE AN INSTRUMENT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST OWN ALLY

Friendship Pact Spells No Change In National Policy

TURKEY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS BRITAIN AND GERMANY FOLLOWING UPON THE NEW 10-YEAR PACT OF FRIENDSHIP SIGNED IN ANKARA BETWEEN GERMANY AND TURKEY IS EXPLAINED IN A LEADING ARTICLE IN THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANKARA NEWSPAPER ULUS, QUOTED BY THE TURKISH RADIO, SAYS REUTER.

The Editor of the newspaper writes: "WE ARE NOT RENEWING OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GERMANY NOR ARE WE TRYING TO REPAIR THE OLD FRIENDSHIP. THERE EXISTS NO DIRECT DISCORD BETWEEN US AND GERMANY."

"We will remain neutral in the complications centring around Turkey."

"WE SHALL NOT BE AN INSTRUMENT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST OUR OWN ALLY, BRITAIN, NOR WILL TURKEY ACT IN A WAY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE FRIENDSHIP AND CONFIDENCE OF GERMANY."

"This does not spell any change in our national policy. When Turkey concluded an alliance with Britain, we considered it our duty to prevent the spreading of war into our mutual zone of security—NOT TO INSTIGATE ITS COMPLICATIONS—AND TO DEFEND THE PEACEFUL ORDER OF THIS ZONE."

Operations In Progress For Allied Advance On Damascus

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter)—IT IS VERY PROBABLE THAT OPERATIONS ARE ALREADY IN PROGRESS FOR THE ALLIED ADVANCE ON DAMASCUS.

In the Western Desert the British forces have now withdrawn safely to their original positions to the east of Sollum, which is still in German hands. Information received here tends to show that the enemy was deployed and it is likely that the British forces had forestalled action on his part.

The withdrawal of the British forces was effected with so little interference by the enemy that it is thought that the British attack must have had its effect.

Allied forces in Syria have begun an attack against Damascus, according to a message received from Jerusalem. A good deal of opposition is being encountered.

Gen. Sir Maitland Wilson warned General Dentz that the attack on Damascus would begin if he refused to capitulate.

A military spokesman in Jerusalem also reported and confirmed the recapture of Kuneitra by Allied troops. Operations to recapture Merj Ayoun are in full swing.

STIFF FIGHTING

Stiff fighting is continuing in the central sector of Syria, writes Reuter's Special correspondent with the British Imperial Forces in Syria.

British Infantry, supported by Australians with armoured fighting vehicles, hold a strong position at Qhlat.

A fierce ding-dong battle is in progress against the Vichy troops at Merj Ayoun and across the valley at Khelm.

In the course of a cross-country journey, I passed through peaceful Tyre and through Sidon some miles to the north where the British forces are consolidated.

The coastal road still bears the tragic marks of fighting. Burnt out Vichy lorries and tanks lie here and there and bridges had been blown up.

The conclusion of the agreement between Germany and Turkey caused no surprise in London, it is stated authoritatively, as the Turkish Government had throughout kept its British ally fully informed regarding the conversations with Germany.

It is thought that the agreement represents no gain to Germany although it will no doubt be "played up" throughout the world as a great German success.

An outstanding point of the agreement, it is pointed out, is contained not in its clauses but in a preamble which lays down the reservation that the Turks insist on the fulfilment of their obligations.

ARMS REPLACED

It is understood that the supply of arms and ammunition to Turkey, which was interrupted by the surrender of France, has begun to be replaced to a minor extent by supplies under the Lease and Lend Act.

These, however, are meagre at present, although they may be included later on.

The signature of the agreement is accepted calmly in London where it is recognised that the Turks are entirely sympathetic to the British war effort and have only signed the agreement in pursuit of their well-known policy of non-involvement.

The relations existing between Great Britain and Turkey are so cordial that, not only has Great Britain been kept informed of the negotiations leading up to the agreement, but she will, no doubt, be kept apprised of any negotiations or conversations which may follow the signature of the agreement.

PREPARING MOVE

The inactivity of German aviation and the fact that the German Cont'd Page 7, Col. 2

PRIVATE DEBATE ON SHIPPING

Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, said that any debate on the shipping question ought to be held in private. The Battle of the Atlantic was still on and its seriousness had not been removed by anything that had happened in the year.

Mr. Churchill added that he might be able to make a public statement after the private debate.

The Premier was replying to questions by Mr. L. Shinwell and Mr. Maxton, and said he thought it would be a glorious thing if we could come through this war with all our Parliamentary faculties.

5,591 AUSSIES FAIL TO RETURN FROM GREECE

The Australian Army Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, stated in the House of Representatives, Canberra, yesterday that he had learned from a Red Cross cable that 9,000 British, Australian and New Zealand troops were prisoners of war in Greece.

He added that 5,591 Australians had not returned from the campaigns in Greece and Crete.

DEATH OF OLD CHINA HAND

PEIPING, June 19 (Reuter)—MR. W. P. Thomas, one of Peiping's oldest foreign residents, died yesterday.

Mr. Thomas came to China as a student-interpreter in the British Consular Service in 1899 and later retired through ill-health. He was for many years Secretary of the Diplomatic Quarter and Chinese Secretary of the Spanish Legation.

COMMUNION CUP MISSING

A silver-plated Communion cup, the property of the Church in Nanking Barracks, Shamshulpo, is reported to have been stolen between May 28 and June 19.

HEAD INJURIES

A pit-and-run cyclist was alleged to have knocked down a ten-year-old boy, Yeung Kam-shing, at Shamshulpo yesterday. The boy was admitted to Kowloon Hospital suffering slight injuries to his head. The Police are looking for the cyclist involved.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CLOSE GERMAN CONSULATES

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter)—THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, at any moment, will close German Consulates and propaganda centres, says a Mexico City despatch to the Independent French Agency here.

In addition, Wednesday's speech by Senor Padilla, Mexican Foreign Minister, was interpreted as foreshadowing the freeing of German and Italian credits.

Meanwhile, the Government is systematically rounding up all the organisations suspected of Nazi activities. The Secret Police discovered three wireless stations, one of which, allegedly located in the totalitarian Legation, interferes with Mexican broadcasts and communicates with Germany.

CLASHES ON RUSSIAN FRONTIER DENIED BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT: ULTIMATUM RUMOUR ALLEGED IN REPORT

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS BUSY YESTERDAY DENYING THAT CLASHES HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONTIER. For weeks past the Germans have been putting out stories of Russo-German tension.

Now they have resorted to a new trick and state that it is not true that German troops have already begun to invade Russia.

Moscow broadcasts made no mention of tension on the frontier and only announced that RUSSIAN MILITARY MANOEUVRES WERE TAKING PLACE.

Numerous reports are pouring into New York of increased Soviet-German tension and even the actual outbreak of fighting between the two nations, but hitherto it has been impossible to confirm any of them.

All reports emanate from American broadcasters at Ankara quoting various sources.

A National Broadcasting Company's representative in the Turkish capital mentions the rumours of a German ultimatum to Russia, which, it is alleged, is due to expire very shortly.

The ultimatum, it is further alleged, is now being considered in Moscow. "while Nazi-Soviet troop

concentrations are steadily increasing on the common frontier in the Balkans."

The Columbia Broadcasting Company's correspondent in Ankara mentions unconfirmed rumours that the German armies have launched attacks against the Russians at 15 points on Germany's eastern frontier.

ATTACK BEGUN

MANILA, June 19 (Reuter)—Entirely unconfirmed reports received here quote Ankara Press despatches to the effect that German troops have attacked Russia at 16 points along the eastern frontier and also that Rumania has issued an ultimatum to the Soviet Government demanding the return of Bessarabia.

JAPAN UNABLE TO MAKE FURTHER AGGRESSIVE MOVES OVERSEAS

WASHINGTON, June 19 (Reuter)—JAPAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE N.E.I. REFUSAL TO GRANT TOKYO'S FAR-REACHING ECONOMIC DEMANDS APPEARS TO HAVE PROVED THE THEORY held here that Tokyo was chiefly carrying on a war of nerves and bluffing through Mr. Yoshizawa, chief Japanese delegate, who recently hinted at dire consequences which would follow Batavia's refusal to capitulate.

Informed quarters here, with knowledge of Far Eastern events, felt all along that Japan is at present not prepared to undertake any serious ventures in the South Seas and Indo-China, though it is realised fully that they cannot be entirely ruled out of the future.

But it is believed by many here that Japan is in no position to undertake and meet serious opposition. Therefore, southward moves are not likely to occur unless something extremely serious happens to the British cause which would indicate an eventual Nazi victory.

JAPANESE COLONY

How Japan came to expect N.E.I. compliance with her demands is something of a mystery here for compliance would have made the East Indies more of a Japanese colony than a Dutch colony, so extensive are they believed to have been.

Details are not available publicly, but the demands can safely be described as wholesale Japanese economic penetration in the Indies and large Japanese emigration with concessions for Japanese exploitations of East Indies natural resources.

Mr. Yoshizawa's threatening statements on June 6 are being compared here with his mild remarks yesterday, and conclusions being drawn from this comparison are obvious—that Japan is not ready yet to make further aggressive moves overseas, and for the word ready, many are substituting the word able.

N.W. Germany Targets Hit For 8th Night

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter)—For the eighth night in succession, targets in North-West Germany were attacked by R.A.F. bombers last night.

Ports and naval bases in North-West Germany as well as the naval base at BREIT were attacked in force.

BREMEN, in particular, was subjected to a heavy attack as also were the docks at Brest where three German warships are still lying.

Four of our aircraft are missing from these operations. Sixteen Messerschmitts were destroyed in the big British offensive operations over occupied France and the Channel on Tuesday, three more than was originally announced.

EMBASSY AFFAIR

NEW YORK, June 19 (Reuter)—The appeal of the British Embassy in Washington for American volunteers to operate the radio-locator device in Britain, and perform other technical work there, is featured in the American Press today and is generally favourably commented upon.

Offices have been opened in New York and volunteers will sign up for three years as non-combatants or for the duration whichever proves to be the shorter.

INDISPUTABLE EXPRESSION OF SINO-BRITISH FRIENDSHIP

CHUNGKING, June 19 (Reuter)—The exchange of Notes on the delimitation in the southern section of the YUNNAN-BURMESE FRONTIER is hailed by the Chinese Press here this morning as an indisputable expression of prevailing Sino-British friendship.

The official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS declares: "We express deep appreciation of the goodwill on the part of Britain and Burma. We do not value the acquisition of 2,000 square kilometres of new territory as much as we do British friendship."

The SAOTANGFAO, Chinese Army organ, says: "A spirit of compromise and understanding is essential for the removal of misunderstanding between neighbour nations. The settlement of the Sino-Burmese frontier issue further strengthens Sino-British friendship."

Today's News Summary

THE SIGNING OF THE new pact of friendship between Turkey and Germany was received calmly in London where it was pointed out that Turkey had kept the British Government informed of the negotiations. Turkey's attitude towards Britain and the Reich is explained by the semi-official ULUS.

FOR THE EIGHTH NIGHT in succession British aircraft raided North-Western Germany and Bremen was particularly singled out among the targets. Brest, where three German cruisers are known to be sheltering, was also raided. Enemy air activity over Britain was very slight.

REPORTS REACHING LONDON indicate that preparations have already been made for the Allied advance on Damascus following the capture of Meze, in Syria.

THE SHIPPING SITUATION will be debated in secret session in the House of Commons it was announced by the Prime Minister yesterday.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT has denied any clashes on the Russian frontier. A New York report alleges that an ultimatum has been presented to the Soviet and will expire very shortly.

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INTEREST IN AQUATIC CIRCLES CENTRED ON CHARITY CARNIVAL ON JULY 26

European Y.M.C.A. Varsity Best Of Three Galas Fixed For The End Of This Month

BY "JIN"

ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE LEADING CLUBS HAD THEIR FIRST SWIMMING GALAS OF THE SEASON, arrangements are being staged for further night fetes. Principal amongst them is the V.R.C. European Y.M.C.A. versus the Combined Chinese Clubs which will be held next month on July 26.

The Chinese clubs have taken great interest in this charity swim meet and Ho Siew-um of the Chinese Bathing Club has been chosen to represent them as their swimming convenor. Final arrangements have been made last Tuesday and very exciting and interesting swimming should be witnessed.

The European Y.M.C.A. pool will be the scene of two good aquatic galas at the end of this month. On Saturday, June 28, the European Y.M.C.A. will entertain the Hongkong University in a friendly tussle. Both these clubs have some fine swimmers and a good standard of swimming will be expected.

Hongkong University will have the services of W. S. Gegg of overseas fame, A. V. Ozorio, Kenneth Lo, Ng Sui-man and Charles Huang. Shanghai long distance title holder, who is rumoured to have joined the University again this term.

For the "Y", David Hutchinson, Colony champion, and their old stalwarts, A. F. May, R. Goldman, B. S. Wilson and N. D. Booker will give stern resistance to the underdogs.

On Monday, June 30, Government will hold an inter-departmental meet in aid of the Bomber Fund. Taking part in the fete will be the Police, P.W.D., Prisons, C.S.O., Harbour Office, Urban Council, Medical, Education and the Revenue Office.

At North Point, Chinese Clubs are busy training for their big meet against combined V.R.C. and European Y.M.C.A. and they will be holding a few trials at the beginning of next month. As yet there is no news of any galas.

DRIPPING FROM THE SEA

Sing Tao Swimming Club, although possessing many star swimmers, have no pool of their own. They are dependent on other Chinese Clubs for their swimming practice and there is little hope of their entertaining other clubs in friendly galas.

Tommy Kew, more familiarly known as Wong Chi-hung, of Sing Tao, is one of the best Chinese sprinters. He won the South China A.A. championship in the last few years and is also known to be an adept oarsman, having won the Open Rowing harbour race last year for the second time from a big field.

SPORTING FIXTURES CHINESE IN CANADA FORM A.R.P. UNIT

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

LAWN BOWLS—First Division, Recreation "A" v. Civil Service, Inland R.C. v. Craigengower, Kowloon B.C.C. "B" v. Kowloon C.C. Kowloon B.C.C. "A" v. Police R.C. Kowloon Dock R.C. v. Recreation "B" Second Division: Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Tong, Tad-koo R.C. v. Prison O.C. Third Division: Hongkong F.C. v. Craigengower, Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.C.C. Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon F.C. Hongkong Electric v. Inland R.C.

WATER-POLO—8th Coastal Regt. R.A. v. 95th Battery, R.A. (Army pool), 12 noon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

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SOVIET AQUATIC MEET

One world record, one European record and six Soviet records were broken at Moscow in the course of the Soviet swimming championships.

Mechkoff of Leningrad covered the 200 metres breast-stroke in the time of 2 minutes 23 1/10 seconds, breaking the world record set by the Soviet swimmer, Bochenko by 6/10 of a second.

Onchadoff covered the 200 metres free style in 2 minutes 11 2/10 seconds, breaking the European record set by the Swede, Borje.

The Soviet feminine swimming star Alekhina covered the 400 metres backstroke in 5 minutes 56 7/10, setting another Soviet record.

GERMAN MERMAID MAKES TWO NEW RECORDS
Miss Anni Kepell established two new world records in Düsseldorf when she was timed at 8 minutes 18.3 seconds for the 400 m. breast-stroke, and 7 minutes 43.4 seconds for the 500 m. breast-stroke event.

Jacqueline Anderson of the V.R.C. has improved greatly and is the Club's hope for the Ladies' championships this year. Her good time of 31.4/5 seconds in the 50 yards free-style in the Inter-members gala was very promising as the Colony's best time for this event is only 30.4/5 seconds.

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Government Proposal To Offset The Concession To Married Taxpayers

"TO OFFSET THE CONCESSION TO MARRIED TAXPAYERS GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO TAX THE UNMARRIED MORE HEAVILY BY REDUCING THE EXEMPTION LIMIT OF \$4,800 A YEAR TO \$3,600; in this connexion I would point out that the exemption limit for United Kingdom Income Tax now stands at £110 or \$1,760," said the Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. R. K. Todd) at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday afternoon when he moved the first reading of a Bill to amend and consolidate the War Revenue Ordinance of 1940.

Addressing the Council, the Financial Secretary said—
Sir, I rise to move the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the War Revenue Ordinance of 1940."

Your Excellency and Honourable Members will recall that rather more than a year ago, on March 14, 1940, the Honourable Mr. H. R. Butters moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to impose war taxes and to regulate the Collection thereof." At that time to us in Hongkong the war in Europe seemed almost a remote incident. The initial excitement and the invasion and partition of Poland had been followed by a period of comparative inactivity during the winter of 1939-40.

The amazing events of the spring and summer of 1940—the invasion of Denmark and Norway, the over-running of Holland and Belgium, closely followed by the defeat and collapse of our great ally, France, which left the British Empire fighting virtually alone and with its back to the wall—were as yet undreamt of. The Battle of Britain had not been fought and won and the Battle of the Atlantic had not reached serious proportions.

Here in this Colony the proposal, made in connexion with the budget for 1940-41, to raise additional revenue for war purposes was followed by the appointment of a representative War Revenue Committee which in February, 1940, recommended that the desired war revenue should be raised by a combination of taxes on property, on salaries and on corporation and business profits made in the Colony assessed on bases and at rates calculated to impose very broadly the same degree of sacrifice on the several classes of persons affected.

The recommendations of the Committee were embodied in a draft War Revenue Bill which was accepted by Government and which was eventually passed by this Council on April 25, 1940, as Ordinance No. 13 of 1940.

It was hoped, on the basis of a rough estimate by Mr. Cairne, that the revenue from these war taxes would be of the order of \$6,000,000 each year and that this revenue would be devoted to meeting the cost of collection (estimated at \$400,000 annually) and the abnormal expenditure imposed on the Colony by war conditions (estimated at about \$1,600,000 annually), thus leaving a substantial balance available for gifts to the Imperial Government in the form of locally-built vessels for the Admiralty and War Department (\$5,000,000 to be spent in the two financial years 1940-41 and 1941-42) and perhaps also for further gifts in cash or kind.

TO WHAT EXTENT?
It is now possible to look back upon the first year of assessment, which began on April 1, 1940, and ended on March 31, 1941, and to enquire to what extent the above expectations have been realised. The actual revenue derived from the four war taxes for that year of assessment was approximately \$9,000,000 or fifty per cent. more than the original estimate, and I am glad to say that the cost of collection, that is to say the cost of the War Taxation Department, was only 3 per cent. of the total amount collected.

No expenditure was incurred during the financial year which ended on March 31, 1941, in respect of the locally-built vessels to be presented to His Majesty's Government and consequently the whole of this honourable liability, now increased to \$5,220,000 because the tendered price of the vessels for the War Department proved to be higher than anticipated, appears in the printed estimates for the financial year 1941-42. But on the other hand the abnormal expenditure imposed on the Colony by war conditions has proved during the past twelve months or so to be very much greater than the original estimate.

In addition to the expenditure incurred in implementing the common with all other parts of the Empire, the instructions of the Imperial Government in such matters as censorship, economic warfare and trade control, the political situation in the Far East has made it necessary to take very extensive and sometimes very expensive measures for the defence of the Colony.

Apparent to all are such measures as the provision of tunnels and other forms of protection against air attack, the mobilisation of the Naval Volunteer Force, and the intensive training of the Volunteer Defence Corps; other measures which I cannot mention here are well known to Honourable Members.

YIELD INSUFFICIENT
Long before the end of the financial year 1940-41 and while the estimates for 1941-42 were in preparation it became clear that the yield from the war taxes would be insufficient to cover the ever-growing war expenditure and in his budget speech on January 23, last the Honourable Mr. Butters announced that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government had reconstituted the War Revenue Committee to re-examine and advise Government on the existing measures of War Taxation in the light of the Colony's present financial position and the actual receipts from the four taxes imposed by the War Revenue Ordinance of 1940.

The reconstituted War Revenue Committee presented its Report on May 23 last. The Report has been laid on the Table of this Council and has been published as Sessional Paper No. 4 of 1941. It is therefore available to all who wish to read it and I do not propose now to go into the facts and principles which guided the Committee in coming to its conclusions and recommendations, which, as in the case of the original Committee, were set out in a draft Bill.

It is necessary to say, however, that the main recommendations involved.

Firstly, a revision of the various clauses of the War Revenue Ordinance of 1940 with a view to adjusting the principal inequities in those Ordinances;

Secondly, an increase in the allowances for a wife and children made to those persons paying Salaries Tax;

Thirdly, a different basis for the assessment of the tax on profits made by those carrying on a trade profession or business, with a view to increasing the yield from this tax which had proved disappointing on the previous basis owing to the loopholes for evasion thereby afforded;

Fourthly, a new tax on the one broad source of unearned income hitherto untaxed, namely, an Interest Tax on certain classes of readily ascertainable interest arising in or accruing in the Colony on debentures, mortgages, bills of sale and business loans; and

Fifthly, the raising of the original basic rates of taxation from five and ten per cent. to six and twelve per cent. respectively.

It was estimated by the Committee that at basic rates of five and ten per cent. the yield in 1941-42 from the five taxes would amount to \$11,000,000; since this sum would not be sufficient to meet the anticipated war expenditure during that year the Committee recommended an increase in the basic rates to six and twelve per cent. in order to produce an estimated yield of \$13,200,000.

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PRETTY DOUBLE WEDDING

A pretty double wedding took place yesterday afternoon at Hop Yat Church when Nancy Koon-koon Leung and Miss Mary Lim, became the brides of Messrs. Henry S. T. and Joseph Cheung, sons of the late Mr. M. S. Cheung and Mrs. Cheung, of Hongkong, respectively.

The Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling officiated.

The brides looked charming in Chinese gowns of white lace and their tulle veils were held in place with orange blossoms. They carried sheaves of lotus lilies and maiden-hair ferns.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Hop Yat Church Hall where many friends congratulated the newly-weds.

and—except in the case of Salaries Tax to which I shall refer presently—raise the rates of the war taxes to seven and fourteen per cent. (The estimated yield from the five war taxes on this basis is \$15,400,000 per annum. If this sum is realised, and taking into account the \$5,000,000 surplus of revenue over expenditure in 1940-41, the expected total revenue for the current financial year more than equates the commitments at present known. I am afraid, however, that other commitments will inevitably appear; in fact some are already looming on the financial horizon.)

The Bill which is now before Council provides therefore for taxation at the basic rates of seven and fourteen per cent. In implementation of Your Excellency's pledge that attention would be given to the question whether this further increase in the basic rates would re-act harshly on lower-salaried residents who have to maintain a family elsewhere than in the Colony, having regard to the very considerable increases that are being made in the allowances for wives and children, Government has decided that payment of Salaries Tax on the first five thousand dollars should not be increased beyond the six per cent. recommended by the Committee.

The effect of this concession is that a man with a wife and no children will not pay more in Salaries Tax than he did last year unless his income is more than \$11,000 while a man with a wife and one, two or more children will not, generally speaking, pay more unless his income is over \$15,000.

I was, however, authorised today by Your Excellency to say that further consideration will be given to the question of increasing the allowances for the third and fourth children; if on this account it is necessary to amend the Bill the amendment can be made in the Committee stage at the second reading.

To offset the concession to married taxpayers Government proposes to tax the unmarried more heavily by reducing the exemption limit of \$4,800 a year to \$3,600; in this connexion I would point out that the exemption limit for United Kingdom Income Tax now stands at £110 or \$1,760.

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The Chater Endowment Full Bill

The Bill of an Ordinance to incorporate Trustees capable of holding property and empowered to administer two trust funds known as The Chater (Cathedral) Endowment Fund and The Chater (St. Andrew's Church) Endowment Fund for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's Church in this Colony, was read a first time at the meeting of the Legislative Council.

HON. MR. S.R. DODWELL
Moving the first reading, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell said:—

(This Bill is one to provide for the incorporation of the Trustees of the Chater (Cathedral) Endowment Fund and the Chater (St. Andrew's Church) Endowment Fund, it has been duly advertised in accordance with the Royal Instructions and the standing orders of this Council relating to private bills and copies have been forwarded to the Hon. the Attorney General.)

The two funds in question were provided by the late Sir Catchick Paul Chater during his life time for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of St. John's Cathedral Church and St. Andrew's Church and for augmenting the stipends of the clergy for the time being officiating at those places of worship.

Under the provisions of the trust deeds the two funds were vested in Trustees who have invested the capital and applied the income in accordance with the donor's wishes; the Trustees of both funds are the same.

CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE
It has been found in the past that considerable expense has had to be incurred on the death or retirement of a Trustee in order to appoint a New Trustee and vest the trust property in him.

In order to avoid this expense in the future the present Trustees are seeking incorporation by Ordinance; the draft Bill now before the Council carries out this desire, provides a simple and inexpensive method of appointing New Trustees and secures the advantages of stability and perpetual succession.

The two funds will of course continue to be administered by the Trustees in accordance with the wishes of the donor as contained in the two trust deeds.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson seconded.

BICYCLE RACE
A bicycle-racing contest, sponsored by Chinese Y.M.C.A. and confined to students of the Colony's schools, will be held on July 2. The contestants will be required to undergo a medical examination before entries are accepted.

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20—Tides: High 7.34 a.m. and 8.12 p.m. Low: 2.97 p.m.
Sunset: 6.39 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m.
Wartime Intercession Service. St. Andrew's Church, 6.30 p.m.

Cheero Club Dart and Table Tennis. H.E. to attend film screening at Club Lusitano, 7.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Annual Meeting of St. John's University Alumni Assn. Chinese Merchants' Club, 7.30 p.m.
Catholic Cathedral Procession in Honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 5.30 p.m.

21—Tides: High 8.04 a.m. and 9.16 p.m. Low: 1.08 a.m. and 2.54 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.39 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m.
Victoria Diocesan Conference. St. Andrew's Church, 3 p.m.

Baseball League.
Lawn Bowls League.
Lane Crawfords Ltd. Annual Meeting. Exchange Building, 11 a.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club Social, 9 p.m.
Lecture: Dr. Cliff on "Prophecy," 77 Pokfulam Road, 2nd floor, 8.30 p.m.
Kowloon Cricket Club Social, 9 p.m.

22—Tides: High 8.29 a.m. and 10.07 p.m. Low: 1.48 a.m. and 3.33 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.39 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group.
Baseball League.

23—Tides: High 8.57 a.m. and 10.52 p.m. Low: 2.28 a.m. and 4.12 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m.
Crown Land Sale. P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

24—Tides: High 9.26 a.m. and 11.31 p.m. Low: 3.06 a.m. and 4.47 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m.
Rotary Club Tiffin. Closed Meeting.

25—Tides: High 9.57 a.m. and 12.07 p.m. Low: 3.42 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 8.11 p.m.
Annual Meeting of Canton Insurance Office Ltd. Jardine Matheson and Co. Office, noon.

26—Tides: High 10.35 a.m. and 12.44 p.m. Low: 4.17 a.m. and 6.06 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 8.11 p.m.

BILL PASSED

A Bill to amend the Buildings Ordinance, 1935, was passed at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

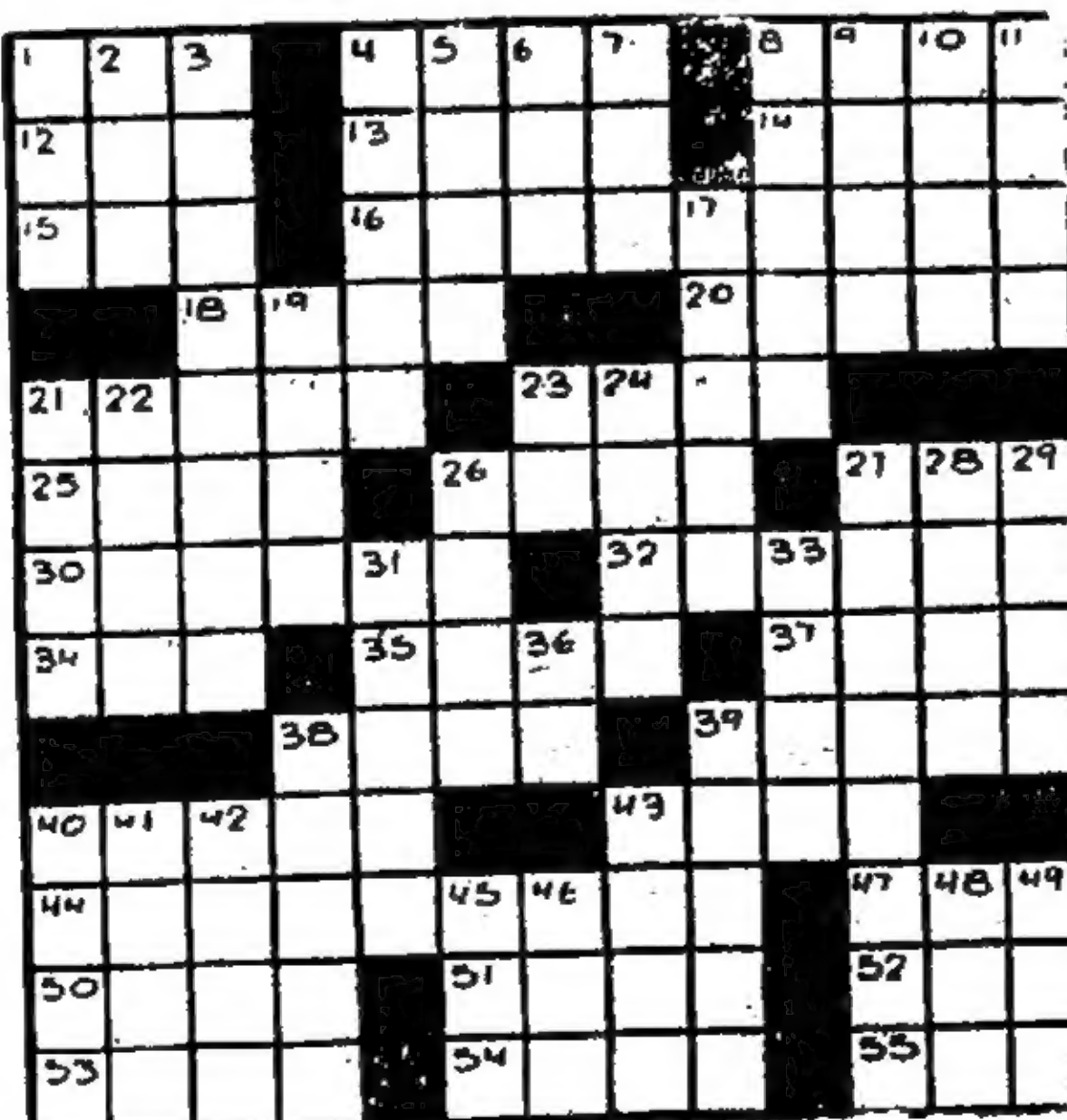
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- 20 Web-footed birds
- 21 Enwrap
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- 25 Affirm
- 26 Object of worship
- 27 Rotating piece
- 30 Succession
- 32 Entertain royally
- 34 Attempt
- 35 Lump of clay
- 37 Toward
- 38 Musical sign
- 39 One who is paid
- 40 Musical drama
- 43 Festive
- 44 Young fox
- 50 Masculine name
- 51 Rage
- 52 Congealed water
- 53 Narrow path
- 54 Joint of the human leg
- 55 Period of time



- 2 Turkish officer
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- 4 More unusual
- 5 Cooking chamber
- 6 Spasmodic
- 7 Bustle
- 8 Matched
- 9 One of the Great Lakes
- 10 Transgresses
- 11 Wise
- 17 Lively
- 18 Persian
- 21 Hurl
- 22 Above
- 23 Hypothetical force
- 24 English title
- 25 Small island
- 27 Supporting column
- 28 Wings
- 29 Founder of the Median Kingdom
- 31 Splendor
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- 36 From
- 38 Holding device
- 39 Adhesive mixture
- 40 Verbal
- 41 Chinese wax
- 42 Ardor
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- 48 Covered wagon
- 49 South American tuber
- 50 Turkish governor

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 The Mills Brothers and Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

Way Down Yonder in New Orleans (Creamer-Layton)—Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins on 2 pianos, string bass and drums with vocal and clarinet by Harry Roy. Solitude (Mills and Others). London Rhythm (Williams, Addison)—The Mills Brothers (Four Boys & a Guitar). Sonny Boy (Henderson and Others). Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider (Leonard)—Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins. Shoe Shine Boy (Chaplin, Cahn). Rhythm Saved the World (Chaplin, Cahn). The Mills Brothers. Harlem (Carroll). Roy Club Rag (Roy)—Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Quilter—Children's Overture.

New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1.15 Constant Lambert—The Rio Grande.

The Halle Orchestra (Solo Piano). Sir Hamilton Harty with The St. Michael's Singers. Conducted by Constant Lambert.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Gerald and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—In A Little Toy Sailboat. Slow Fox-Trot—Small Fry (film "Sing, you Sinners"). Fox-Trots—The Lady on the Second Floor; The Same Old Story. Tangos—Poema; Moonlight Kisses. Fox-Trots—Does Your Heart Beat? You've Got Dust on Your Coat. Waltz—I Paid for the Lie that I told You.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Have You Met Miss Jones (from "All Clear"); Slow Fox-Trot—Get Out of Town—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Georgia's Got a Mood; Rhythm in the Alphabet—The Six Swingers. Quickstep—Cheerio; Fox-Trot—All Over the Place—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Tangos—Ovidame; Calceola D. Ni Novia—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trots—Jeepers Creepers.

(film "Going Places"); Mutiny in the Nursery (film "Going Places")—Paul Whiteman & His Swing Wing. Waltzes—Missouri Waltz; That Naughty Waltz—Victor Young & His Orchestra. Quickstep—Look for the Silver Lining—Victor Silvester & His Orchestra.

7.30 Variety.

Vocal—For Me, For You (Towers & Arden); Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup (Anna Sosenko)—Hildegarde W. Carroll (Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends. Comedian—Fairy (Frankau). Ronald Frankau. Comedienne—Let's Have a Tiddly at the Milk Bar (Gay); Bang! Bang! Bang! (Cartier-Thal). Nellie Wallace with Orchestra. Piano and Vocal—Sweet Georgia Brown (Pinkard and Others). Indian (MacDonald & Hanley)—Buel and Bubbles with Novelty Orchestra. Comedian—Every Evening's Nothing Like The Last (Frankau).—Ronald Frankau with Piano. Vocal—Till Follow My Secret Heart (from "Conversation Piece"—Noel Coward)—Hildegarde with Orchestra.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Debroy Somers Band.

"Me and My Girl"—Selection—with Vocal Chorus by The Rhythm Bros. Dixieland—Selection—Intro: Whistling Rufus, Alexander's Ragtime Band; Deep River; The Wedding Glide; Oh! You Beautiful Doll; I Want to be in Dixie—with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. "Casanova"—Selection (Strauss)—arr. Benatzky—with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. This England (A Selection of well known English tunes)—with Vocal Chorus.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Two Songs by Marian Anderson (Contralto).

Flicker Kom Ibran Sin Alskings Mote (Sibelius); Sav. Sav. Susa. Op. 36, No. 4 (Sibelius)—with Piano accompaniment.

9.10 Brahms—Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115.

Allegro—1st Mov. 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Andantino-Presto non assai, ma con sentimento; 4th Mov: Con moto—Un poco meno mosso—Busch Quartet and Reginald Kell (Clarinet).

9.45—10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Beethoven—Sonata in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2 "Moonlight."

1st Mov: Adagio sostenuto; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Presto agitato—Egon Petri (Piano).

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 The Orchestra: Raymond and Tino Rossi (Tenor).

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MOVIES OF MALARIA

CHICAGO.—Under the microscope blood from a victim of malaria is as vivid as a southern sunset. In mild malaria, the red blood cells appear speckled with pink. In violent forms of the disease, the corpuscles darken to dusty copper, mottled with purple. These changing hues show the progress of the fight between invading malarial parasites and the body's defending blood cells. Australia has a keen interest in this disease just now because of troops being stationed in malarial areas.

With a special quartz red light, Dr. Melvin H. Knisely, of the University of Chicago, has taken coloured movies of the battle of malaria. Recently Dr. Knisely showed his movies—the first ever taken of disease in a living bloodstream. For his stars Dr. Knisely had chosen five malarial monkeys. He anaesthetised them, exposed their abdominal cavities. Through the microscope's eyepiece he photographed the changes in the tiny blood vessels on the abdominal lining.

THE CAUSE

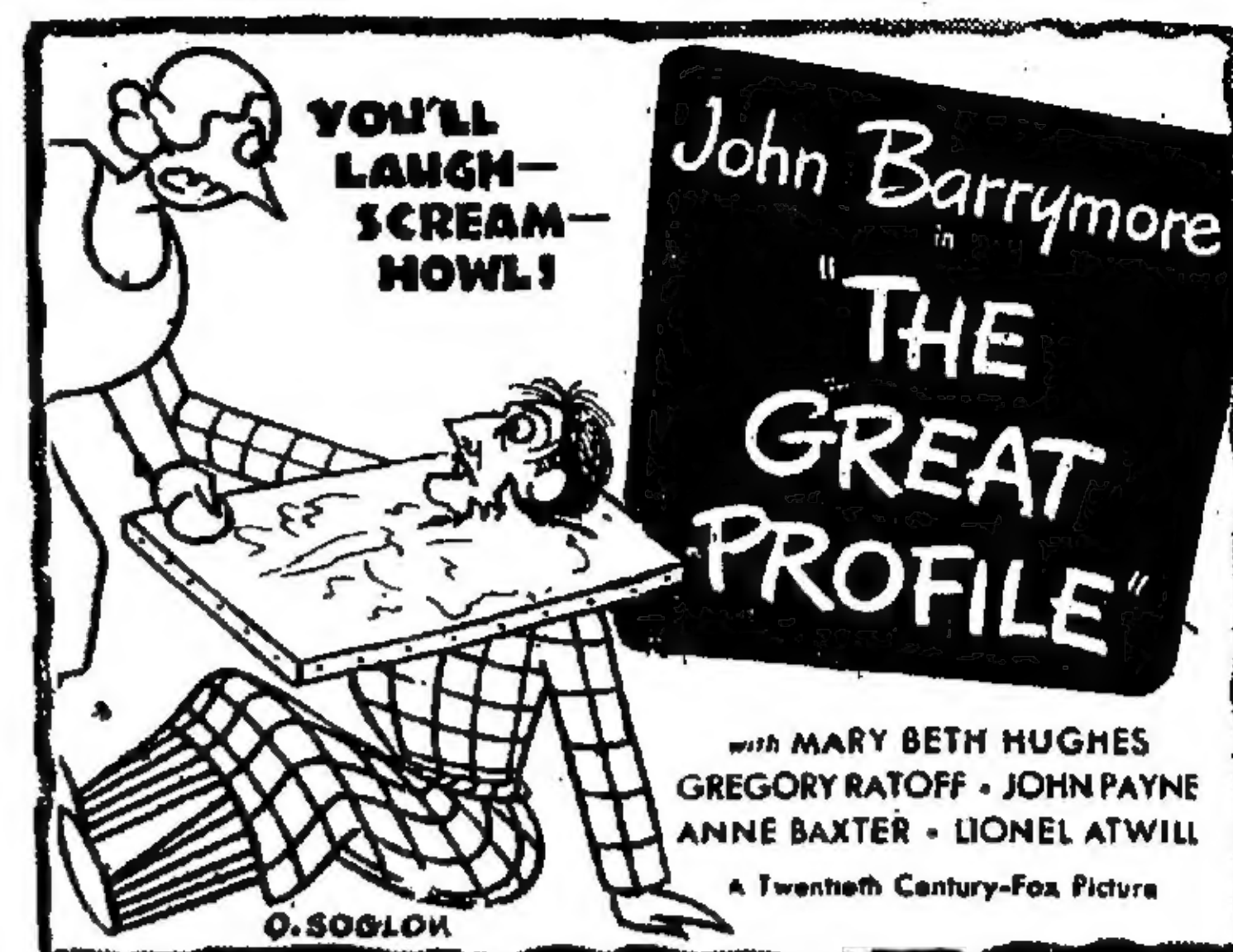
Malaria is caused by an amebalike parasite of the genus plasmodium. The parasite which enters man's bloodstream through a mosquito bite, often destroys over a million red blood-corpuscles per cubic millimetre in one bout of malaria.

First plasmodia enter the oxygen-bearing red blood cells. From the liquid part of the blood oozes a sticky jelly which clumps all the cells together. These clumps are gobbled down by white blood corpuscles. If the white cells are strong enough, the body wins.

But as the battle rages, the white cells may be outnumbered. The linings of blood vessels become sticky, and white cells cling

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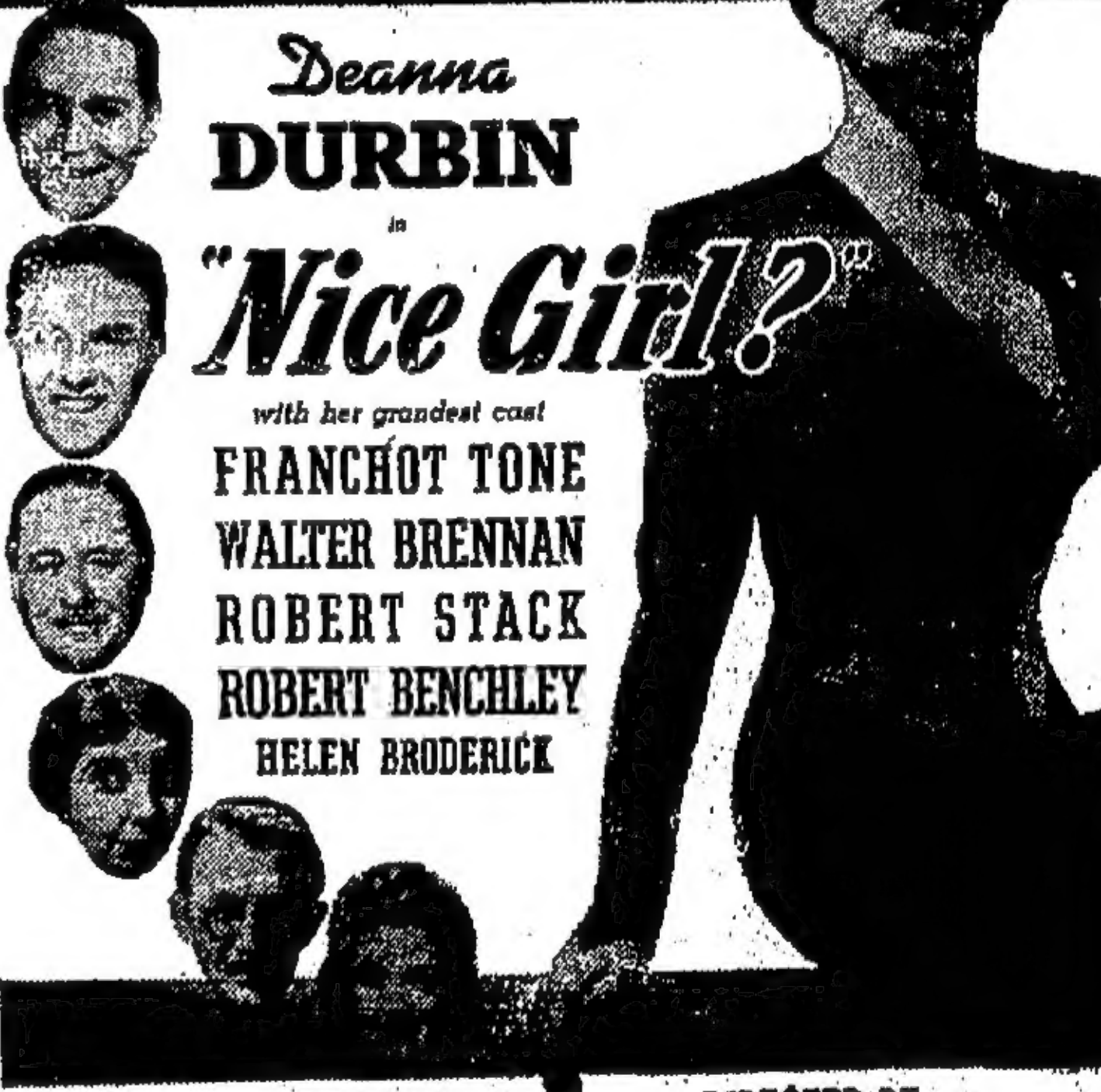
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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WEEKLY RETURN

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, there were altogether 96 traffic accidents as the result of which two persons were killed and 22 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, a Chinese male, age 11, was knocked down and killed by a lorry while crossing the carriageway and a Chinese male, age 26, died from injuries received as the result of a collision between vehicles.

Of 96 accidents, 49 were collisions between vehicles; 33 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

to them like flies to fly paper. As the red clumps grow larger, the liquid part of the blood turns thick and sticky, and the heart is harder and harder put to it to pump against the blockade. When circulation stagnates, the body's oxygen is cut off, and finally the heart stops.

"Nice Girl?"

Deanna Durbin is no longer America's favourite "little girl" of motion pictures.

Instead, Deanna is an even more potentially popular young lady who steps out in all her glamour in "Nice Girl?", showing today at the Majestic Theatre.

Franchot Tone, Walter Brennan, Robert Stack, Robert Benchley, Helen Broderick, Ann Gillis, Anne Gwynne, Elisabeth Risdon and Nana Bryant are headlines in the supporting cast.

(The story presents Deanna as a typical small-town "nice girl" who tires of being one—so she escapes through a romantic escapade with a young New Yorker, played by Tone. Deanna thereby becomes subject of a town scandal which is quelled only after her "engagement" to Tone is announced.

Then Tone reappears, to complicate a situation which provides much hilarity before the story reaches its surprise finish.

Deanna sings five numbers, including Stephen Foster's "Old Folks at Home," and four new songs: "Perhaps," "Love At Last," "Beneath the Lights of Home" and "Thank You, America," the latter a stirring patriotic number.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY FINDS MR. FORREST UNFIT TO BE HEAD OF ANY DEPARTMENT

Report Blames Government For Appointment

"MR. FORREST, IN OUR OPINION, HAS PROVED HIMSELF UNFIT FOR THE POSITION OF HEAD OF THIS, OR OF ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, AND WE RECOMMEND THAT GOVERNMENT GIVE THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF HIS RETENTION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE."

This finding is contained in the REPORT of the COMMISSION to inquire into the IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT which was tabled at the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

The Commission recommended the Government to appoint an officer to follow up its instructions and see that they are obeyed by the Departments.

In its historical outline of the Immigration Office, the Report traced the conception of this Department from the arrival of Mr. S. M. Middlebrook, of the Malayan Civil Service, last summer to the opening of the Immigration Office on Nov. 18, 1940.

"The ship" went on the Report, "was launched under an unlucky star, for an entirely erroneous impression of the objects of the proposed legislation gained currency, and the office was from the outset besieged by crowds of people far greater than anyone having regard to the real objects of immigration control, could ever have anticipated. In one local Chinese newspaper, for example, long articles based apparently on official communiques were published on November 8 and 9. The earlier article was published under the caption 'Residents having occupations are to be registered and to apply for certificates' while the second article includes the statement 'All Chinese residents must apply for certificates of residence.'"

"THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST" too appears either to have misunderstood the communique or to have been misinformed of Government's intentions, for in the issue of November 9 it published a lengthy article the headlines of which are "Immigration Check. All Residents of Colony to have identification documents." Small wonder, then, that the new office was swamped with applications, many of which need never have been made.

ADVISED POSTPONEMENT

"It had originally been the intention, on Mr. Forrest's recommendation, to bring the Ordinance into force on Dec. 17, but on Dec. 4 Mr. Forrest advised postponement until Jan. 14 on the plea that he had not yet built up an effective machinery for the control of immigration. To this request His Excellency the Governor, administering the Government, acceded, minuting "It would be a mistake to start until the measure can operate effectively."

"On December 18 the Chinese Chamber of Commerce suggested a further postponement until after Chinese New Year which this year was in the last week of January. This suggestion was strongly opposed by Mr. Forrest, and it is not, we suggest, unreasonable to presume that Government therefore took it for granted that Mr. Forrest had got together a staff and devised an office system adequate to the calls which, in view of the experience gained since November 18, he might anticipate would be made upon it when the legislation should come into force on Jan. 14."

FINANCIAL SYSTEM

The Report deals first with the "adequacy or otherwise of the financial system instituted in the Immigration Department," and states:

"There is nothing in the requirements of the approved system of immigration control that calls for any involved system of accounting. In these circumstances, Mr. Forrest's attitude to this most essential form of financial control is to us incomprehensible."

"It is understandable that the officer who on November 20 made so full a confession, as to the absence of any accounting system in his new office, should on December 4 ask a month's postponement of the commencement of the Ordinance."

"That any officer, having not that further period of grace should during it neither arrange for an adequate system of book-keeping nor assign an

accounting officer in his department to supervise the work of the shoofly is intelligible only on the assumption that the officer regarded his responsibility for large sums of public moneys as comparatively unimportant."

That the same officer having still taken no steps to institute any accounting system should oppose the suggestion for further postponement suggests an attitude of mind which we are quite unable to comprehend."

Summarizing our conclusions on this term of reference we are satisfied that there was no adequate financial system instituted in the Immigration Department; that Mr. Forrest was aware of this fact, as shown by his minute of November 28 and inferentially by his applying on December 4 for a postponement of the commencement of the Ordinance; and that, well aware as he was of this very serious flaw in his machinery, he appears to have regarded it as a matter of little or no moment."

AGENCY SYSTEM

On the matter of the agency system, the Report says:

"When a system of control necessitates the completion of long and

apparently complicated forms by unintelligent and illiterate members of the community it is not surprising that, in aid of applicants for permits, there sprang up a multiplicity of agents who, for a consideration, held themselves out as able to obtain permits expeditiously and with the minimum of trouble to the applicant. With such a little gold mine in view it is only natural that many of these agents were found to be corrupt and inefficient, or that they should seek to cloak their inefficiency by attempting to bribe officers of the department."

The Immigration Officer had no objection to recognise the fact of these agencies. He went further, rightly, we think, and extended recognition to some while black-listing others. Troubles, however, still arose and Mr. Forrest was at his wits' end for a solution."

Mr. Kobza as from November 20 had operated a photographic studio in the Immigration Office (that was one of the recommendations of the Middlebrook report) and on December 1 he applied for a monopoly not only of the photographic work required but also of the completion of application forms. That application was refused on Mr. Forrest's recommendation."

On December 11 Mr. Forrest had reconsidered the matter and strongly advocated the grant of a monopoly. The question was referred to the Governor in Executive Council, and the decision there taken was that the proposed long term monopoly should not be granted, but that there would be no objection to the selection of a few authorised agencies by the method of tender on short term contracts. That was on December 24, 1940, and Mr. Forrest was present at the meeting of Council and further had the decision conveyed to him on December 27."

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Regret At Governor's Departure

Regret at the announcement that His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote is to relinquish his appointment as Governor of Hongkong for reasons of health, was expressed by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Senior Unofficial Member, at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency said: I was extremely grieved when I felt bound in duty by the medical advice which I received, to surrender my trust to the hands of the Secretary of State and to make way for a more able-bodied man. I thank the Council for all the support that I have always had."

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote (President), H. E. Maj.-Gen. A. E. Grasett, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney General), Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd (Financial Secretary), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director of Medical Services), Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans (Commissioner of Police), Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman of the Urban Council), Hon. Mr. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

DEMOLITION OF SQUATTERS' HUTS AT TAI HANG: "ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT WAS WRONG", SAYS HON. MR. M. K. LO

The destruction and demolition of squatters' huts at Tai Hang was again before the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon when the HON. MR. M. K. LO, C.B.E., moved a resolution "that, in the opinion of this Council, Government should not resort to its extraordinary emergency powers to attain an end unconnected with the emergency."

The motion was defeated.

Mr. Lo, replying to the Colonial Secretary, said that he WAS STILL OF THE OPINION THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT WAS WRONG.

"We must experience a sense of disappointment that Government should permit measures intended by their severity for the promotion of public safety to be diverted and applied for the promotion of public health, however laudable the latter object may be," remarked Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam in supporting the motion.

HON. MR. M. K. LO

Proposing the motion, Mr. Lo said:—

Your Excellency:—The object of my introducing the Motion standing in my name is not to indulge in an academic discussion on a theoretical constitutional problem. My object is to draw the attention of this Council to certain answers which Government recently gave to my questions concerning the destruction and demolition of squatters' huts at Tai Hang because, in my view, these answers raise an urgent and vital issue on the question of constitutional government."

"The gist of the answers was that the destruction was not ordered as a matter of defence; that the action was taken under Regulation 37 of the Emergency Regulations merely on grounds of public health; that the reason why action was taken under the Emergency Regulations and not under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932 was because the procedure prescribed by the ordinary law "is too cumbersome to cope with the increasing number of squatters on Crown land"; and that the Emergency Regulations obviated the necessity of arresting and charging the squatters before a magistrate and enabled the area to be cleared more expeditiously."

DRAFTING POWERS

"We know that Government is armed, and has necessarily to be

armed, with very drastic powers affecting the liberty of the subject for the purpose of dealing with an emergency. Some of these extraordinary and emergency powers are derived, not from any local ordinance, but from Orders-in-Council, over which this Council has no control at all."

But it seems to me that because such far-reaching powers are vested in Government, it is absolutely essential that they should only be used for the purpose of, and in relation to, the emergency."

As a member of this Council I feel I cannot let pass unchallenged the exercise of these extraordinary powers by Government on the principle implicit in the Government action in the Tai Hang squatters' case, and I accordingly move the Motion standing in my name."

HON. MR. THOMAS TAM

The Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, addressing the Council, said:—

Sir, I beg to second the motion; and I do so, because I still cherish a few simple principles which I consider my good fortune to have acquired under a system of education fostered by this Government. From our youth up we have been taught that the end does not justify the means; and we are impressed on the minds of our children that expediency must never be allowed to eliminate fair play."

If we accept these principles and if we hope to convince our children, we must doubt the justness of asking for powers in the name of defence and then employing those powers for the furtherance of another purpose, and we must experience a sense of disappointment that Government should permit measures intended, by their severity, for the promotion of public safety to be diverted and applied for the promotion of public

health, however laudable the latter object may be."

Some of us may deplore the use of methods which savour of totalitarianism, while others may be inclined to the view that the populace needs chastening; but in this difference of opinion does not lie the point at issue."

It is not against well-merited punishment that we are making an appeal; it is against that type of logic which manages to establish a connexion between squatters' huts, above all else, and defence; it is not the authoritarian whom we fear; it is the Machiavellian."

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Colonial Secretary said:—Sir, If the motion now before the Council were merely on the general question of constitutional policy which its wording would suggest there is no one in this Council, official or unofficial, who would not give it his whole hearted support."

The Honourable Mr. Lo, however, has in his speech linked the motion with the action taken against certain squatters which was the subject of debate in our meeting of 22nd May. As was stated on that date there was in this case no question of defence involved."

The emergency dealt with in November 1938 was the vast influx of refugee squatters which followed the unfortunate events in South China at that time, and the resultant dangers to the public health of the Colony. That emergency, so far from being mitigated by the outbreak of war, has continued and unfortunately still continues; so much so that the 1938 "Squatters and Destitutes" Regulations were successively fortified by the provisions which are to be found in Government Notifications 913 of 1939 and 140 and 1290 of 1940."

To deal with such a situation quick action is necessary and this was no doubt in the minds of members of this Council when they approved of the November 1938 Regulations and the three amendments which I have quoted."

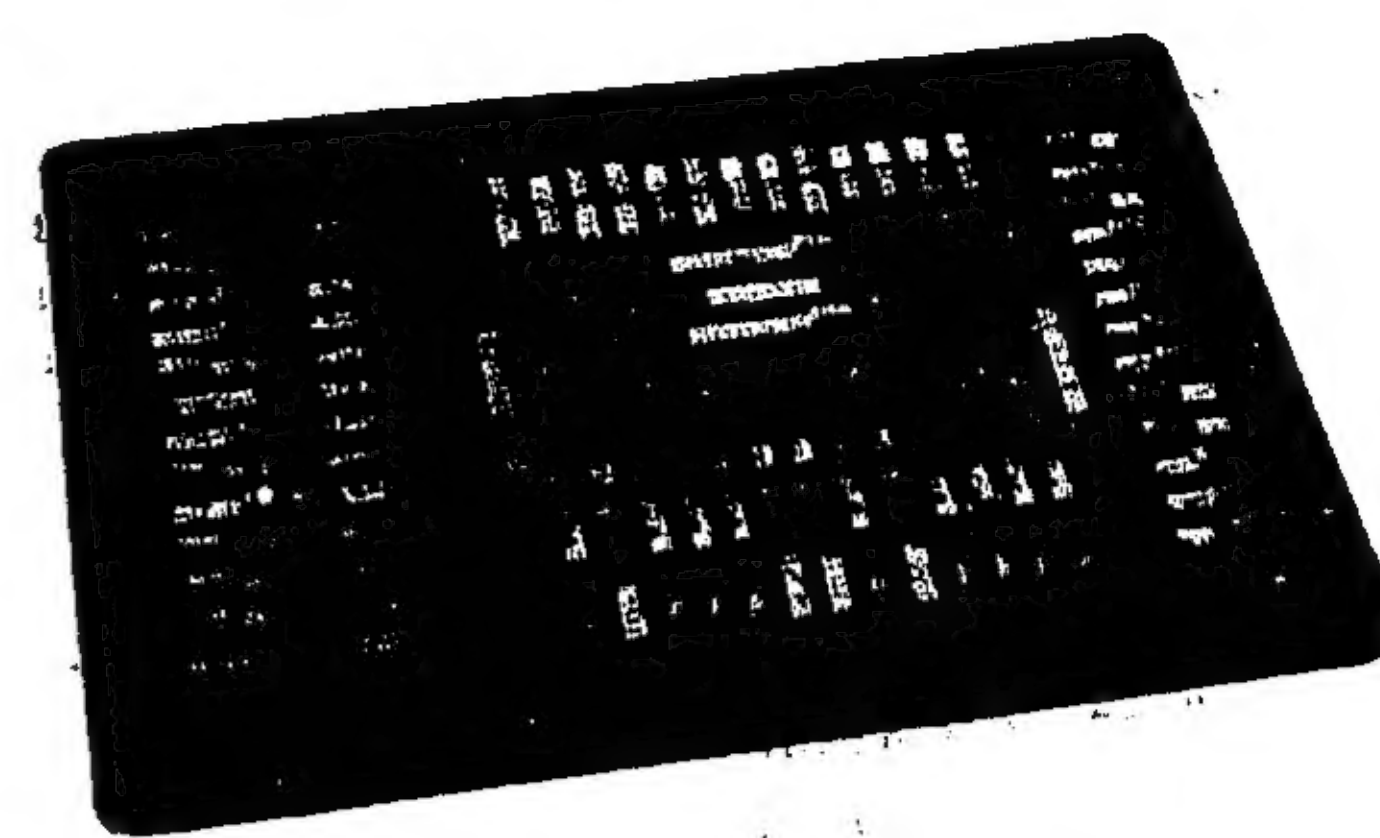
MR. LO'S REPLY

"I am still of the opinion that the action taken by Government was wrong," stated Mr. Lo, in reply. He could not see the neces-

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All firms, hongks, companies and individuals concerned with the import into Hong Kong of the articles mentioned below should note that in future it is necessary for them to submit all indents to this office for endorsement before their despatch to the United Kingdom. Importers are warned that failure to register and to submit indents to this office may involve refusal of permission to import the articles in question.

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19th June, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. W. BROWN,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd June, 1941.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Share Registers of the Company will be closed from Friday, 11th July, to Friday, 18th July, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

DERRICK & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Local Secretaries.

Hongkong Bank Chambers,
SINGAPORE, 7th June, 1941.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of Vivian Rothwell Bowden late of Warden House 69 Mount Ephraim Tunbridge wells in the County of Kent England formerly of the Victoria and Albert Hotel Torquay in the County of Devon, Esquire, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 10th July, 1941.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of June, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of FOUR per cent (4%) for the six months ending 30th June, 1941, amounting to FORTY cents per share on the Fully Paid Up Shares and TEN cents per share on the Partly Paid Up Shares of the Company will be paid on MONDAY the 14th July, 1941, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, 4th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 2nd July to SATURDAY, 12th July, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 13th June, 1941.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, 60 Hunter Street, Sydney, Australia, on FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1940, and of declaring Dividend, etc. and appointing Messrs. Smith Johnson & Co., Sydney as Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year in lieu of the present Auditors.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. H. K. COBB,
Manager for the Far East.
Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

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NOTICE.

This will serve to inform all concerned that information has been received from our Principals that the steamers.

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will be delivered to the United States Maritime Commission on completion of their present voyages.

This advertisement will suffice to serve notice that all subsequent voyages of the above-named steamers are cancelled on termination of their current voyages. All passages and cargo booked for such subsequent voyages are hereby cancelled. All passengers and shippers are invited to apply at this office for further information relative to space.

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ANOTHER PACT

A NOTABLE feature of the series of agreements and treaties which Herr Hitler has been able to bring into being with the various countries whom he has inveigled into his fold has been their vagueness and limited scope. Except in those states which he has overrun with the sword or by blunt threat of force, the contacts he has established with the major powers have been characterised by the strict limits of the advantages which could accrue to him as a result. The pact with Russia for instance, which led indirectly to the outbreak of the present war, while it has served his purpose of keeping M. Stalin out of the war, has been meagre in its actual benefits and even now Herr Hitler is faced with the necessity of seeking an expansion of its terms to help him in his difficulties. The pact with Japan is similarly subject to conditions which have thus far made it impossible for the German Fuehrer to force the Japanese into greater activity on his behalf. While credit is due to German diplomacy in being able to achieve even these limited results in the face of the opposition which is mounting against the Axis Powers, it would be unwise to regard them as being altogether of little consequence to the Democracies, for it may be a part of Herr Hitler's cunning to first ingratiate himself into the good books of his intended victims among the more important nations in the hope of so gaining an influence over them which will enable him to secure his full desires later on.

UP TO THIS POINT, and assuming that these terms will be strictly adhered to, the new pact contains nothing that should disturb or cause anxiety to Britain and her allies. Turkey has simply seized an opportunity to remain completely neutral in the present hostilities and to avoid participation in any form with either of the combatants. Her Treaty of Alliance with Britain generally guarantees her neutrality on behalf of the powers opposed to the Axis and, at the moment, there is reason to view her attitude sympathetically. As pointed out in London, ever since the passing of Yugoslavia and Greece into German control, Turkey has been subjected to increasing pressure by the Nazis. With her closest neighbours brought under the Axis yoke, she has been exposed to the threat of attack from Germany and, however much she might have felt determined to resist, with British assistance, she probably felt that the risks were greater than she could under take to meet successfully. As long as she is resolved to maintain this stand and refuses to be drawn into a German trap on any plausible excuse, the new pact with Germany need cause no inconvenience to the Allied cause. Any defection from this course would, however, bring her into conflict with the Democratic Powers to her own disadvantage—a position which her leaders should be well advised to avoid.

THE REPORTS of his political and military activity on the Soviet front bespeak of exactly such a possibility. Japan, too, may find herself faced with a similar situation when the Nazi leader thinks the time ripe enough for mailed fist tactics. These are aspects, therefore, which have to be kept in mind in drawing conclusions on the new agreement which is reported to have been reached between Germany and Turkey. Berlin itself prefers to style the agreement as "a Treaty of Friendship," while American commentators have ap-

NEWSETTES

Mr. T. J. Houston occupied the Bench at the Court of the District Office, South, yesterday during the absence, on two weeks' leave, of Mr. S. F. Balfour who left for Manila on Wednesday.

It is learned that the Indian constable who received a shock in the Chinese Soldiers' Internment Camp at Argyle Street on June 17 as a result of a telephone post in the Kowloon district being struck by lightning, has been discharged from hospital.

Messages of consolation and encouragement from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, and Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, have been received by the National Yunnan University here which was badly bombed by Japanese aircraft last month. The messages urged the faculty and the students of the University to continue to exert their best efforts.

The engagement is announced of Robert Owen, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, of Hongkong, and Hulda, daughter of Mrs. S. Edgren and the late Captain H. Edgren of Shanghai.

The Ministry of Finance has acknowledged the receipt of \$5,980.29 (Chinese currency) remitted through the Hongkong branch of the Bank of China by about 200 overseas Chinese who recently returned to China from North and South America aboard the s.s. President Coolidge. The fund collected aboard the ship was designated for refugee relief.

plied to it the same title as that which the Nazis concluded with Soviet Russia. The cabled news of the new pact once again disclose its limited scope and only the betterment of economic and friendly relations between the two countries is stressed—the now familiar phrases of neither of them doing anything to invade the integrity of their national territory. London comment finds comfort in the fact that Turkey has not broken her commitments with Great Britain and it is assumed that she has thereby not agreed to permit the passage of German troops through her territory.

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Mr. Lakin here spoke of the help given by the Dominions. Mr. Menzies, he said, had told them how Australia had speeded up her war effort programme. Canada was adding 250,000 more men to those already serving with the forces. The New Zealand forces were amongst the most relentless fighters, while the South African and Indian troops were finishing up the remaining portions of the Italian army in East Africa. If it had not been for all this, their existence would not be the same. The meeting at St. James' Palace, at which the allied representatives had resolved to fight until Herr Hitler was defeated would not have had the same effect. As Mr. Menzies had said, one of the lessons they had learned was that victory came to the nation with better equipment. That was the lesson they had learned and they would all act on it.

LONDON NEWS LETTER:

HOPEFUL SIGNS IN WEST & EAST: IMPORTANCE OF RECENT AMERICAN MOVES

"Looking round on the west and the east, there are hopeful signs and there is hope for more achievements as our strength mounts week by week," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, Assistant Editor of the LONDON SUNDAY TIMES, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "LONDON NEWS LETTER," in the absence of Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., who usually speaks in this series.

"Among the recent events of the war, one which particularly strikes the average man and woman in this country is the slackening in the German air attack," said Mr. Lakin.

BRITISH REACTION

"When we have a lull of this kind, our characteristic reaction is not mainly one of relief. Nor is it only one of exultation that we have got the Luftwaffe beaten. It is really one of discretion and we usually expect something more than unpleasant to follow. "That is the more sensible attitude, because if the unpleasant happens, we will be prepared for it. But in doing so we may be apt to forget a number of things about ourselves—that we can give as well as take."

"We have now been told of the new assistance which we are to receive from radio waves. However, improvement in our system of radio location would hardly seem enough to account for the lull in German air activity over Britain. There may be a number of other causes."

"The Battle of Crete may have had its effect. The Germans had a very great concentration of their air force in the Balkans and the Luftwaffe had heavy losses in that battle. Losses of first rate bomber and fighter pilots cannot be made good quickly. "We have heard a lot lately about the massing of German power on her eastern frontier and there is also the question of oil, though that may not make a difference to the German air force at the moment."

R.A.F. RAIDS

"Whatever the reasons or reason for the German inactivity in the west, we may be sure that it is not due to the unfavourable flying conditions, for this week has been marked by heavy attacks by the R.A.F. on Germany. All three commands of our air force have been busy on this offensive. Night after night our bombers have been battering the industrial heart of Germany and her channel ports. The Coastal Command is making it more and more dangerous for enemy supply ships to enter the North Sea. This must have a very powerful effect in hampering German transport and war production."

"The German people, who have heard of their Fuehrer's triumphs in the Balkans are being driven night after night into their shelters. They know too that there is more to come and they know also that behind the blows of the R.A.F. is the industrial power of the United States."

LION & HER CURS

"The world has been impressed by Mr. Churchill's picture of the old lion with her cubs at her side standing against the enemy," continued Mr. Lakin. "Not much evidence is necessary to show that the cubs are now grown and powerful."

Mr. Lakin here spoke of the help given by the Dominions. Mr. Menzies, he said, had told them how Australia had speeded up her war effort programme. Canada was adding 250,000 more men to those already serving with the forces. The New Zealand forces were amongst the most relentless fighters, while the South African and Indian troops were finishing up the remaining portions of the Italian army in East Africa. If it had not been for all this, their existence would not be the same. The meeting at St. James' Palace, at which the allied representatives had resolved to fight until Herr Hitler was defeated would not have had the same effect. As Mr. Menzies had said, one of the lessons they had learned was that victory came to the nation with better equipment. That was the lesson they had learned and they would all act on it.

AMERICAN MOVES

"There have been some very important American moves during the past few days," continued Mr. Lakin. "It began with the President's decision to freeze all Axis

funds in the United States. The United States Government had very good reasons to believe that these funds were being used to finance activities directed against American security.

"Equally important here is the fact that the Axis Powers will be unable to use these funds now in America for purchasing war materials from other powers. "Then comes the closing of the German Consulate and the so-called German tourist agencies in the United States. It has been stated that there are more spies and subversive elements in the United States today than there were in 1917."

"These moves by the President are important because they show his recognised leadership of the United States in the Western Hemisphere."

EASTERN EUROPE

"Things in the west are clear and conclusive. Our air activity is not a matter of guess-work, but a matter of fact. Similarly what the United States is doing is not merely a matter of speculation," continued Mr. Lakin. "But when we turn to Eastern Europe, we are faced with a conflict of reports, rumours and propaganda. What we lack here are confirmed facts. "There is no doubt that Herr Hitler has sent many divisions to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania. It is the familiar technique of the war of nerves. The only attitude for us to adopt is to get on with our job of increasing our strength. Herr Hitler's point is to create as much confusion as he can. Our point should be to keep a clear head."

Mr. Lakin said that when it was recalled that the Russo-German Pact was reported to have been made in an atmosphere of warm friendship, today it would take a very keen-sighted person to discover any of this friendship between Germany and Russia. The latest news was that Britain had begun to blockade the Arctic port of Petsamo, because German troops were not merely passing through it to Norway, but remaining there.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East, both from a political and military point of view, Britain had taken definite steps. British and Free French troops in Syria were doing their job well, while the news from Libya was interesting.

The raid on Fort Capuzzo must have given the enemy an unpleasant surprise. The fact that the British could penetrate his key positions showed that General Wavell was by no means disposed to let the initiative pass from his hands. The British position in the Eastern Mediterranean was much stronger than was thought a week ago and after the Battle of Crete. Reliable reports had now been received to show that the hospitals in Athens were crowded with wounded troops, which seemed to suggest that Herr Hitler's victory was more costly than he could afford it to be.

"Looking round in the west and the east, there are hopeful signs and there is hope for more achievements as our strength mounts week by week," concluded Mr. Lakin.

MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH THAILAND?

TOKYO, June 19 (Reuter).—The Japanese Army organ, the Kokumin Shimbun, this morning editorially urges the Government to conclude a military alliance with Thailand as a first step towards further strengthening the prosperity of East Asia. "Owing to the importance of Thailand's geographical position in Southern East Asia, the Kokumin asserted that 'the fate of Thailand would seriously affect the security of Indo-China as well as the security of the whole of South China and its adjacent waters.'"

Mr. I. T. Yung, proprietor of the Central and Public billiards saloons, China Building, intends to run a tournament in the early autumn.

SIGNIFICANCE OF MEETING AT ST. JAMES' PALACE ON BRITISH WAR AIMS

"Herr Hitler cannot rest until he has conquered the whole world. He cannot live if there is a patch on the map left where men can plot and plan against him," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, M.P., and well-known speaker and writer on international affairs when he broadcast from London yesterday on the significance of the meeting of Britain and her allies at St. James' Palace recently.

"The Germans and the Italians are very angry about this meeting," continued Mr. Bartlett, and went on to describe the reactions of the Axis Powers to the conference.

AXIS SARCASM

The German radio, he said, had described the conference as a meeting of phantoms and as usual the Berlin theme listeners were told that Mr. Churchill must have taken to drink on an unprecedented scale to consider such a meeting would be productive of any result.

The Germans were really angry because this meeting of the Allied representatives had forestalled their own plans to hold a conference of the European states which had been brought under their control.

Mr. Bartlett next referred to a photograph which he had before him of those who attended the conference at St. James' Palace. He mentioned by name every one of the representatives present.

CRITICAL STEP

"This is the first critical step which has been taken to form that new federation or league of states which will be strong enough to enforce peace," said Mr. Bartlett. "There are already a good many technical committees of the allied governments here and these will deal with problems that arise when the war is over."

Mr. Bartlett visualised further meetings of this kind on Parliamentary lines—a method which would help those concerned to work out their national problems against an international background.

"Some of us," went on Mr. Bartlett, "have clamoured for a statement of our war aims. Such a statement is difficult to make because it might be regarded as too generous to make promises to do this and that in a world which may have altered out of all recognition by the time peace comes."

THREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Even so, it will show which way the wind is blowing. Last week for example there were three announcements of importance. But only one of these found front page space in the newspapers. That was Mr. Anthony Eden's announcement of changes in the Diplomatic Service."

"The second announcement was the following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:—

Mr. So Wai-keung, clerk, of No. 1 Wing Wah Terrace, and Miss Queenie Fung, of No. 52 High St.; Mr. Chiu Pat-sung, student, of No. 82 Cheung Sha Wan Road, third floor, and Miss Le Sui-kwan, of No. 719 Nathan Road;

Mr. Walter Chan, housekeeper, of No. 10 Wyndham Street, third floor, and Miss Anita Tsang, of No. 67 Robinson Road;

Mr. Chan Chan-pui, of No. 177 Wanchai Road, and Miss Wong Kit-bing, of No. 74 Wanchai Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday:—

Mr. Chan Shui-tong, book keeper, of No. 58 Wing Lok Street, and Miss Ho Yuk-ping, of No. 20 Po Yee Street, third floor;

Mr. Chan Chu-tien, dispenser, of No. 43 Connaught Road Central, third floor, and Miss Lam Yim-yee, of No. 34 Lee Sang Street, first floor;

Mr. Nicholas Abdul Mirza Jaffer, secretary, of No. 10 Duke Street, and Miss Nellie Grace Markham, of the same address;

Mr. Liang Pak-wing, merchant, of "Kong Hong," Passar Street, Tsimshat, and Miss Wo Wai-si, of No. 46 Belcher Street;

Mr. Li Kwan-yuen, blacksmith, of Messrs. Yee Hop, Praya, Shaikwan West, and Miss Wong Suet-ying, of No. 88 Lockhart Road, first floor;

Mr. Chu Wing-hang, merchant, of No. 22 Eastern Street, and Miss Wong Wai-yung, of No. 13 Cheung Sha Wan Road, first floor.

Despatch Of Food Parcels To British War Prisoners

The Committee of the British Prisoners of War Fund, from its inception, has been pursuing its investigations along three main lines as follows:—(1) To ascertain whether the British Red Cross could arrange to receive actual food shipments either in bulk or in parcels; (2) Whether it would be preferable to make them cash remittances; (3) As an alternative and with a view to getting into more direct contact with the Prisoners of War camps from here the Committee are also investigating the possibility of forwarding goods to Russia for redistribution to Prisoners of War Camps in Germany either by Northern Ports or via the Persian Gulf.

As regards (1) and (2) we have received the following telegram from the Prisoners of War Department of the British Red Cross in London in reply to a telegraphic enquiry from us:—

"Your offer send parcels prisoners of war much appreciated stop Present procedure we despatch in bulk to International Red Cross Geneva who redespach to all camps according to the numbers of prisoners in each thus ensuring equitable distribution to prisoners stop Personal parcels can only be sent by nextofkin quarterly stop Present system now working satisfactorily and steady flow to camps being maintained stop Consequently considered opinion of all parties concerned that you transfer funds here stop Writing fully airmail—330 Stanley Adams Red Cross London."

In view of this reply and in order that there should be no further delay, we have decided to make a first remittance of £350 out of the total amount of HK\$7,119 subscribed to date. (This has been made possible principally on account of a very generous gift of HK\$5,000 which we received from the Hongkong Jockey Club). This remittance was sent by Telegraphic Transfer on June 13.

REGULAR REMITTANCES

It is the intention of our Committee to endeavour to make remittances in this manner every month and to achieve this it would be a very great help to be able to count upon regular monthly subscriptions.

We feel sure it will be realised that Prisoners of War are entirely dependent on voluntary subscriptions for anything beyond the absolute bare necessities of life. Butter, Tea, Sugar, etc., Cigarettes, Warm Clothing, Books and any other small comforts have to be provided by the Red Cross solely out of voluntary subscriptions.

As regards (3), in attempting to find means of sending parcels to Prisoners of War Camps direct from here through Russia, one member of our Committee was able to get in personal touch with Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador in Moscow. His advice was that distribution from Moscow presents no difficulties provided we can deliver the goods. We are continuing to pursue our investigations on those lines.

LETTER-POST

Mention has been made in the Press of Parcels to Prisoners of War being sent from Shanghai by letter-post via Siberia. This is quite correct. The Chinese Post in Shanghai, doubtless by International arrangement, will accept parcels free of all postal charges. Of Tobacco, Cigarettes, properly packed tins of Food, Butter and so forth, Oxo Cubes and such like

provided no parcel exceeds 4 lbs. in weight and provided the name, rank and prison number and the prison camp address of the recipient are clearly stated on the label.

The Committee has investigated this method of sending supplies but it was found that they could only be sent on a very limited scale and to individuals. It was therefore not considered suitable for our purpose and there was also the danger of jeopardising the scheme if we attempted to send in large quantities. Any persons, however, wishing to take advantage of it individually can obtain full information from the President or Hon. Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society in Shanghai.

PATRON OF COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to be Patron of our Committee and that Major-General Grasset, Commodore Collinson and Group-Captain Horry have kindly consented to become Vice-Patrons.

All subscriptions and donations should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. I. E. Roberts, Messrs. Thomson and Co., Hongkong Bank Building.

The committee is as follows:—J. F. Macgregor, Chairman; I. E. Roberts, Hon. Treasurer; Col. H. B. Rose, J. K. Bonfield, R. D. Gillespie, Major R. E. Moody, Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith.

NAZIS EXPRESS REGRET

DUBLIN, June 19 (Reuter).—The German Government expressed its sincere regret to the Eire Government for the bomb dropping on Dublin on May 31 and expressed its willingness to compensate the loss of life and damage to property.

CATALINAS IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, June 19 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Catalina flying-boats are now arriving in Singapore from the United States via Manila.

PADLOCK STOLEN

A padlock from the gates of the newly-opened King George V Memorial Park at Jordan Road, Yau-mat, was reported to have been stolen sometime during Wednesday night, according to a Police report.

Li Kam, 25, fitter of Reiss Bradley Co., has reported the loss of a motor pump, valued at \$50, from No. 239 Prince Edward Road yesterday.

Mr. Haymes, of No. 24 Braga Circuit, has reported that a palm-beach suit, valued at \$15, a pencil and a motorcar driving licence, have been stolen from his residence.

RICKSHAW MAN INJURED

As a result of losing control of his rickshaw No. 76 while descending the pathway leading to the King's Park Refugee Camp yesterday at 11.30 a.m., Choi Ming-shui, 26, rickshaw puller, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from a ruptured spleen. Chan Shiu-yuk, a shop fitter, was passenger in the vehicle but was not injured.

KIM SHING CUP

In a very evenly contested match, Green and White beat Mid-dlesex by 30 points to 24 in the Kim Shing Cup basketball competition on roller skates at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Mongkok, yesterday evening.

ATE STOLEN BREAD

According to the Police, a very amusing incident took place yesterday at Nathan Road, Mongkok. A married woman, Mak Cha-wah, was walking along Nathan Road when suddenly a Chinese male Lo Sing, 40, snatched four loaves of bread she was carrying. She raised the alarm, but before he could be apprehended, he had eaten two of the four loaves.

ALLIED TROOPS TO ATTACK DAMASCUS: FINAL WARNING ISSUED TO GENERAL DENTZ

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter).—The French troops have now reached the western suburbs of Damascus, according to a despatch to the Independent French news agency from its correspondent with the French forces in Syria. Vichy troops are still holding the village of Meze, some three miles from Damascus. Other Free French and Indian troops are pushing forward along the Kiswe-Damascus road, east of the mountainous district Janou Atrik.

Vichy artillery is shelling the road south of Kiswe in a last effort to delay the fall of Damascus but the Allied supply and troop convoys continue to come through uninterrupted.

Free French and British troops occupied all the fortified positions towards the east and west of Kiswe, 12 miles south of Damascus, says a communiqué from the Free French Headquarters in the Middle East carried from Jerusalem by the Independent French Agency.

FINAL WARNING

A final warning to the French High Commissioner at Damascus, General Dentz, to capitulate, failing which an allied attack on Damascus would begin at 5.30 this morning, was made by radio from Jerusalem by the British Commander, General Matland Wilson, yesterday.

General Wilson added Vichy would be responsible for the bloodshed.

Whether the French capitulate or not, General Wilson promised he would start the occupation of Damascus at dawn today.

NAVAL BOMBARDMENT

French naval units bombarded British troops in the Sidon area on Tuesday evening, says a semi-official Beirut telegram to Vichy.

POSITION SATISFACTORY

CAIRO, June 19 (Reuter).—The position in Syria is considered satisfactory in circles usually well-informed.

The Vichy raiding thrusts round Kureitra and Merj Ayoun have been contained and ample forces are available to drive them back. This action is in fact in full swing.

Further east, the Allied forces are slowly making their way down the foothills leading to Damascus Plain.

With Allied columns making headway towards the city from various points of the compass, the situation is, however, somewhat confused.

Indian troops here, as in North Africa, are taking part and are

LOUIS WINS

NEW YORK, June 19 (Reuter).—Joe Louis knocked out Billy Conn, his 18th challenger, in the 13th round, thus retaining the world heavyweight title which he first won in 1937.

DRAMATIC END

The fight ended with dramatic suddenness. Conn had been going extremely well punishing Louis and winning round after round until a right hook to the jaw staggered and hurt him.

The blow only travelled a few inches but had terrific power behind it.

Louis followed up with a barrage of lefts and rights and the fight ended with only two seconds of the round left.

Sexton Alleged To Have Accepted \$7 Bribe

Allegations that a sexton of the Sanitary Department had only agreed to dig a grave in the Ngau Chi Wan Cemetery after having received \$7 as "tea money" were made in a case before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The sexton was YEUNG CHUEN, 52, of No. 14, Yat Tat Road, second floor, who was charged with having accepted a bribe of \$7 by a public servant.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence and pleaded not guilty. The prosecution was conducted by Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes.

Complainant, Tsui Wai-sun, of No. 74, High Street, first floor, in evidence, said that a friend of his died on June 2, and the funeral was left in the hands of Messrs. Brown, Jones and Company.

At 2 p.m. on the same day, witness started out for Ngau Chi Wan Cemetery and the body arrived there about 3.40 p.m.

TOO LATE

He approached defendant and requested a grave to be dug. To this, defendant was alleged to have said that it was already too late to work as he would be off at 4.30 p.m. and asked witness to come the next morning.

Witness then offered to defendant \$5 as "tea money," which the latter said that it was not enough to be divided among all the workers, and he finally agreed at \$7.

The sum was paid over, the grave was dug and the coffin entombed.

Further hearing was fixed for June 28, at noon.

JAPANESE FLEET ON MOVE SOUTH

SHANGHAI, June 19 (Reuter).—Foreign arrivals today aboard the President Coolidge from Hongkong reported sighting over 50 Japanese warships off Amoy moving southwards.

The fleet was said to have included four to five battleships.

BOY HIT BY CAR

Wong Hon, licensed car driver, has reported to the Police that while driving car No. 958 along Nathan Road, near Pakhoi Street, yesterday at 10 a.m. he knocked down a nine-year-old boy, Nip Hing, who received slight injuries to his hands and head and was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

FATAL SHOCK

A Chinese male, Ng Lok-kee, 25, died at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday as a result of an electric shock received while working in the Chung Shing torch factory, No. 9 Hoi Han Street, Shaikwan.

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter).—The Oaks, run today, resulted as follows:—1. Commotion; 2. Turkana; 3. Dancing Time.

ATTITUDE OF TURKEY TOWARDS BRITAIN

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Army "has gone and ground somewhere in Europe", suggest that the Germans are preparing some move of which the direction is not clear. In the opinion of the NEWS-CHRONICLE in an editorial.

The newspaper adds that outward signs point to Russia as the next objective and this impression is fortified by the publication of the German-Turkish pact.

On the other hand, "The effect of the new arrangement with Turkey may be to further isolate us. Somewhere in Europe gigantic preparations may now be afoot, not for an attack on Russia, but an early invasion of Britain."

The NEWS-CHRONICLE, therefore, urges unceasing alertness and no relaxation of the industrial and war effort.

The DAILY HERALD, commenting on the German-Turkish agreement, writes: "Since

THEFT ALLEGED

Yip Wal, of no fixed abode, was yesterday arrested for larceny of a chicken from Chan Mui, 40, married woman, at the Yau-mat Railway Station. It was alleged that Yip wrapped the chicken in his handkerchief.

It is no surprise, it is scarcely even a disappointment. But it is a sign which we must heed. The message is that we must still further intensify our energy in the key task of production."

Foreshadowing that the new Pact is far from signifying an end of Axis pressure on Turkey, the paper adds that Turkey's resistance will be strengthened or weakened, prolonged or shortened, according to Britain's progress in the war.

AGAINST SOVIET

The view that the Turkish-German Treaty is directed against the Soviet rather than against Britain is expressed by the NEW YORK TIMES in a leading article. Radio commentators have also wisely interpreted that Treaty as directed principally against the Soviet.

Other commentators, however, expressed the belief that Turkey was now definitely aligned with the Axis.

REFUSED TO SIGN

The Turkish Government refused to sign the Treaty of Friendship with Germany. It is understood, unless the clause safeguarding the Anglo-Turkish Treaty was included.

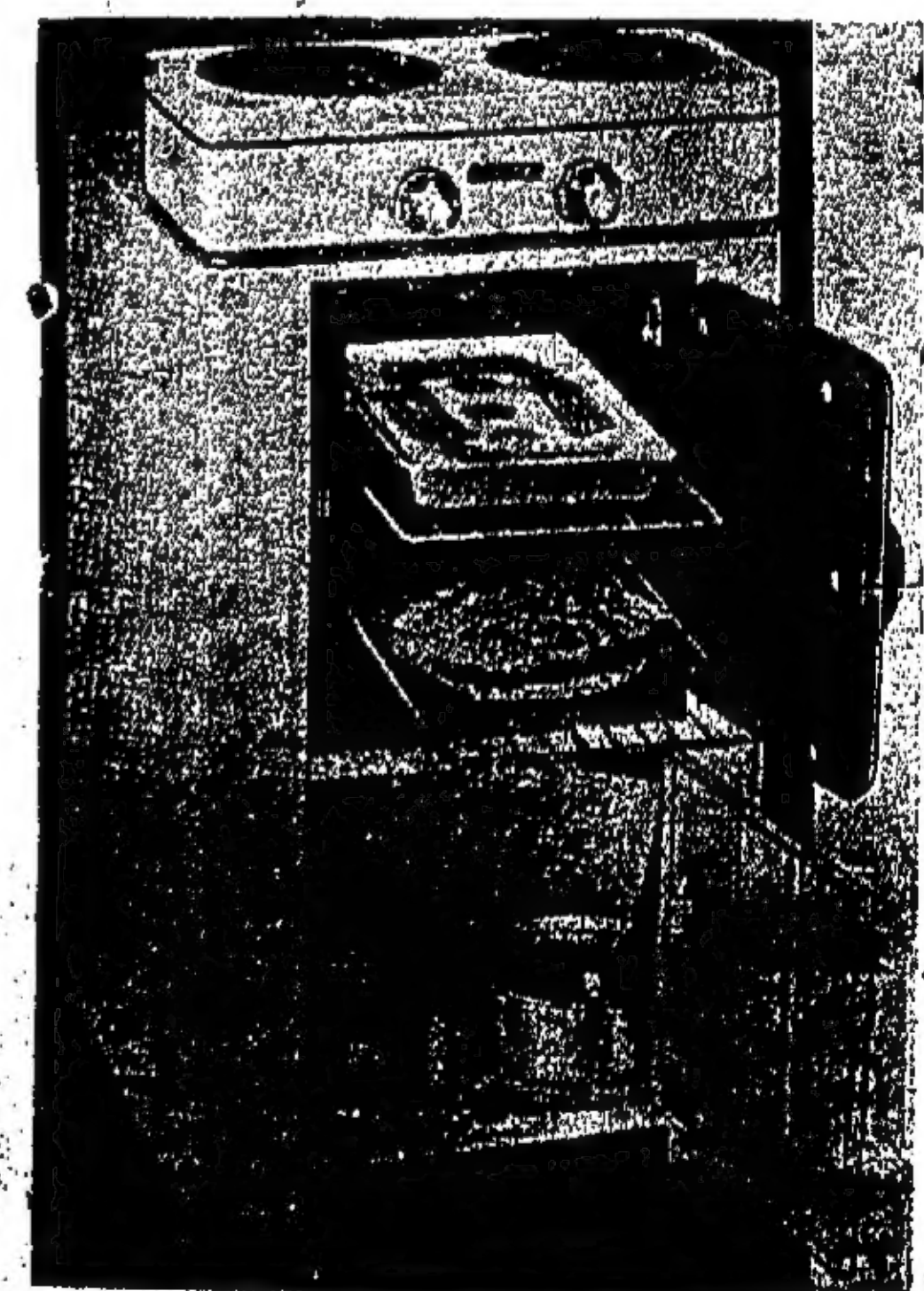
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ASSEMBLY OF INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS TO BE HELD IN MEXICO

The Mexican Legation in Shanghai has announced the coming Assembly of the International College of Surgeons (founded in Geneva), to be held in Mexico City from August 10 to 14, 1941. The Mexican Government has been requested to extend to foreign governments and medical institutions the invitation of the International College to be present at this meeting.

Consequently, the Mexican Legation has transmitted this invitation to the National Government of China, at Chungking, and has also addressed several important medical institutions here and in Peking the hope that they may participate in the Assembly, although it is fully realized that due to prevailing conditions and considering what little time is left, apart from the fact that surgeons' services are especially important in China in the present emergency.

the Committee will be handicapped in obtaining from this part of the World the contribution that could be expected in a normal situation. The Assembly will be comprised of several committees. The Scientific Commission of Programme, with Dr. Desiderio Roman as Chairman and many representatives in Mexico and abroad, has among its members Dr. J. C. McCracken, of Shanghai.

THREE CLASSIFICATIONS
The Assembly will have three classifications of members: members of the College in their diverse grades; official attendants; and ordinary members. The Committee of Organisation informs that official attendants shall be those delegates accredited by Foreign Governments, either as representatives of the said Governments or as representatives of institutions whose scientific activities are connected with the problems that are liable of being studied at an International Assembly of Surgeons.

The Committee of Organisation states that official attendants shall be considered "as distinguished members of the Assembly, shall be exempt from inscription fees and may take active part in the proceedings of the Assembly. The members of the International College of Surgeons are likewise exempted from payment of inscription

R.A.F. Fighters Make Short Work Of Messerschmitts In Sweep Over Occupied France

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. again struck at the Nazis on the French side of the Channel yesterday evening. Bombers escorted by fighter formations made an offensive sweep across the Straits of Dover.

Coast watchers saw a large number of our fighters roaring out across the Straits. For some considerable time after the bomber force went out, explosions, apparently from salvoes of bombs, rocked the Kent coast.

Targets near Boulogne were believed to have been attacked. A terrific explosion was heard and felt on the Kent coast which rocked buildings and was one of the heaviest experienced for a long time.

British Wireless adds that Spitfires and Hurricanes of the Fighter Command provided the escort for our bombers in the successful raid over occupied France yesterday.

They also swept the Channel and enemy-occupied territory, shooting down 13 ME's and severely damaging several others.

FIGHTER ESCORTS

A number of fighter squadrons provided the escort and although German fighters tried to attack the bombers, every one was fought off by the R.A.F. pilots who guarded the bombers to the target, protected them and brought them all back to base without loss.

One pilot reports that Me's tried to attack the bombers as soon as they crossed the French coast and until they were half way back across the Channel.

"Forty to 50 ME's attacked us for 30 minutes," says one of the pilot's reports.

POLISH SQUADRON

A Polish squadron which formed part of the escort was constantly attacked while over France but prevented any enemy planes getting near the bombers.

During this operation Spitfires and Hurricanes of other squadrons swept the Channel and Northern France.

The total figure of enemy casualties includes only those aircraft seen to crash and taking no account of those probably destroyed but which did not crash within sight of British aircraft.

KANSU PLANNING ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO FACTORIES

LANCHOW, June 18 (Central).—For the purpose of developing basic industries in Kansu, the Kansu Provincial Government is completing plans for the establishment of two large scale factories, the Kansu Cement Works and the Lanchow Machine Works.

Capitalised at \$4,500,000, the Kansu Cement Works is financed jointly by the Kansu Provincial Government, the National Resources Commission, the Ministry of Communications, and the Bank of China. It is located at an un-revealed locality with Mr. Chang Kuang-yu as Managing Director and Mr. Wang Jo-chuan as Chief Engineer.

The Lanchow Machine Works is being organized out of the former provincial machine workshop and a preparatory office has been set up. Mr. Yen Sung-lin director of the office, has gone to Chungking and Kunning to purchase machinery and equipment. The two factories are expected to start operation in the near future.

tion dues, and may also take active part in the Assembly.

ORDINARY ATTENDANTS
Regarding ordinary attendants, which would be those surgeons not connected with the College and having no official representation, they must cover an inscription fee, and they will be considered as attendants only, but the Committee of Organisation may grant in each case their right to participate on the basis of the personal scientific merits of the attendant.

For each work, a commentator of different nationality than that of the author shall be appointed beforehand, this commentator being entrusted with the task of initiating the discussion. For this reason, the Organising Committee recommends that two copies of the original work to be presented should be sent to the Assembly as early as possible before the Assembly commences its session. The works must be of a sufficient length to allow for a perusal of a half hour at the most, and should be presented with a summary, and it will also be stated if the author wishes to have his work illustrated with surgical operation or film and in this latter case the character of the film should be given.

Unique Drive For Relief Funds

CHUNGKING, June 19 (Central).—A drive for 1,000,000 American friends for China's wounded soldiers will be launched in the United States by Mr. William Hsu, pioneer, founder and moving spirit of the Friends of the Wounded Movement in China, who plans to leave for America some time in July.

In his forthcoming drive Mr. Hsu has the support of the Church Committee for the Promotion of the Friends of the Wounded Movement in China and the Church Committee for China Relief in New York. The former will pay his travelling and other expenses and the latter will give him all the facilities he needs during his stay in the United States which will last three or four months.

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ALEXANDRIA RAID

CAIRO, June 19 (Reuter).—Only a few bombs were dropped during an air raid on Alexandria early yesterday morning, according to an Egyptian Ministry of the Interior communiqué.

The alert lasted about an hour and anti-aircraft defences were in action.

Only one casualty occurred and the damage done was very slight.

NEW YORK, June 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles told the Press that the Robin Moor survivors had excellent photographs corroborating the oral testimony that she was sunk by a German submarine.

NAZI NIGHT RAIDER SHOT DOWN

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter).—One enemy bomber was destroyed on Tuesday night in raids on Britain.

A very small number of enemy aircraft flew over the coastal areas of the south-west yesterday afternoon. Up to 6 p.m. (G.M.T.) no reports have been received of any bombs having been dropped, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

MOSCOW, June 19 (Reuter).—The presence of Stalin, Molotov and other members of the Soviet Government at a performance on Sunday of a modern comedy called "On the Steppes of the Ukraine," was mentioned in the Soviet press yesterday. The fact is alluded to in prominent notices of the season of a Ukrainian theatre company from Kiev now being held in Moscow.

VICHY, June 19 (Reuter).—Stance, former Secretary of the Fascist Party, is no longer a member of the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations, says a Rome despatch to Vichy. A decree signed by Mussolini appoints Enzo Galgati in his place. Galgati, also replaces Stance as Chief of Staff of the Fascist Militia.

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OIL SHIPMENT FOR JAPAN STOPPED AT PHILADELPHIA

WASHINGTON, June 18 (Central).—Well-informed circles in Washington regard the stoppage yesterday by Mr. Harold Ickes, the Petroleum Co-ordinator for Defence, of the shipment of 232,000 gallons of lubricating oil from Philadelphia to Japan as the United States Government's first step in further tightening exports and possibly a prelude to a complete embargo on petroleum products to Japan.

Although the amount prevented from being exported is small, and the action is explained as involving no question of international oil policy but being a matter of co-ordinating supplies owing to a shortage on the East Coast, observers believe that the move is a logical outcome of long agitation both in Congress and the public for a complete stoppage of oil supplies to Japan.

Interviewed at the Press Conference yesterday, Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, declared that the State Department's policy vis-a-vis oil shipments to Japan remains unchanged which means that gasoline of eighty-seven per cent high octane is still banned from export but fuel of lower octane is exportable.

Certain Congress men, public organisations and newspapers are strongly opposed to supplying oil to Japan since Japanese planes are ruthlessly bombing Chinese cities and Japan is recognised as the real dangerous potential enemy of the United States.

ACT OF WAR

However, there is a section of opinion which is against the United States placing a complete embargo on oil shipments to Japan for the following reasons:

First, since the United States is not at war with Japan, such action is tantamount to an act of war.

Second, companies selling oil to Japan are private concerns and

Police Courts

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hard labour by Mr. Macnamara yesterday for larceny of a wrist watch from Lui Kam-ling, 23, married woman.

Sgt. Whitcroft, prosecuting, said that while complainant was walking along Nathan Road near Nan-king Street, accused came from behind her and snatched the wrist watch and ran. She raised an alarm and Mr. N. G. Ritchie, of Jordan Road, who happened to be near by, gave chase and arrested defendant in Nanking Street.

79,000 TORCH BULBS

Alleged to have stolen 79,000 torchlight bulbs from Mak Luf-lun, proprietor of the Tin Sing Lung Kee bulb factory, at No. 88, Argyle Street and Nos. 99 and 101, Hak Po Street, Chan Chai-lung, 24, manager of the factory, was charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, assisted by Det-Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuted, while Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for defendant.

Complainant said that defendant was employed as foreman in the factory at \$20 per month and was entrusted with a large quantity of bulbs.

In his own defence, accused said he was employed as the manager at \$80 per month. Complainant owed him salary and failed to pay.

Hearing was adjourned until July 8.

MARINE COURT

Fines of \$30 were imposed by Cmdr. T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court yesterday on Fung Kuen-chun, 65, and Kwok San-ming, 18, steersmen of fishing junks Nos. 10HW and 127HA of Macao, who were charged with having anchored their craft in a prohibited area, the Tathong Channel minefield.

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LONDON, June 19 (BWS).—A new system to help British exporters to avoid unnecessary delays in transit of goods has been introduced by the Ministry of Economic Warfare by means of the issue of a "destination control certificate."

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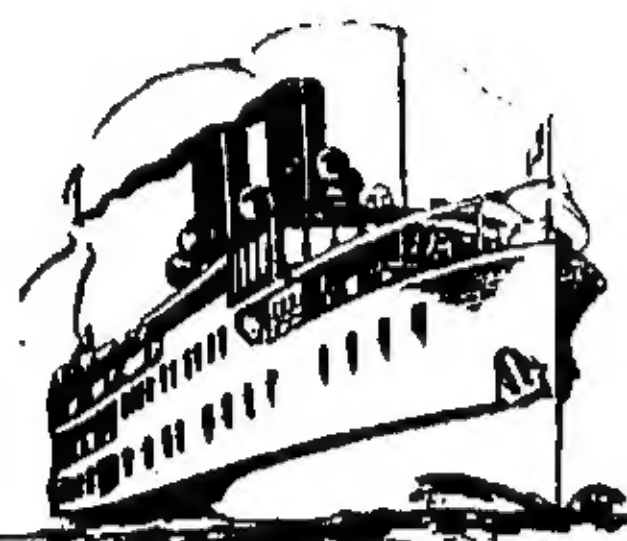
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IMMIGRATION INQUIRY REPORT FINDINGS

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An agreement having been executed and a banking account having been opened by Mr. Kobza, the one provision of the agreement which imparted some measure of financial control on the operations of the agent was by parol agreement abrogated. No auditors were appointed, no accountant was available to countersign cheques, and they were in fact countersigned by Mr. Kobza's secretary, a lady in his pay and a very intimate friend of Mr. Forrest.

We would add that before Mr. Kobza was appointed general agent no tenders were called for, though that was clearly contemplated by Executive Council, the terms of the proposed agreement were not submitted to the Crown Solicitor, Government's financial advisers were not apprised of the step contemplated and no security was taken from Mr. Kobza.

Of the whole matter of the appointment of Mr. Kobza as general agent we take a very grave view adverse to Mr. Forrest. We cannot resist the conclusion that, having advocated the grant of a monopoly "with the enthusiasm of a convert," Mr. Forrest, despite the adverse decision of the Governor in Council, determined to persist in the appointment of Mr. Kobza as agent in a preferential position to other agents. The provision in the agreement for its termination by three months' notice is one which might well give rise to misgivings in Mr. Forrest's heart, for Government on learning of the agreement might order him to terminate it.

The supplemental agreement was the remedy for any such unfortunate state of affairs. We can draw no other conclusion from Mr. Forrest's failure to take any advice, administrative, legal or financial, before executing such an agreement, from his failure to report its existence and from the later execution of the supplemental agreement. For the delegation of the power to grant immigration documents or for the issue of permits for which there is no statutory authority there can of course be no excuse. The whole transaction has left on our minds a profoundly bad impression, and is, in our judgment, quite indefensible.

RECRUITMENT OF STAFF

A first advertisement inserted in the local press, for which Mr. Forrest was in no sense responsible, calls for applications for the post of Assistant Immigration Officer at a salary of \$450 per mensem (inclusive) and provides that applicants shall be British subjects of pure European descent between the ages of 21 and 28 and of a certain educational standard.

We cannot refrain from the comment that this to limit the field of a selection by excluding the great majority of possible local candidates to whom the salary offered would be a real inducement strikes us as hardly the most likely way to recruit a suitably intelligent and impeccable staff.

Ultimately a staff was assembled, largely consisting, as far as the more senior and responsible posts are concerned, of Mr. Forrest's own personal friends. We hasten to say that to the appointment of friends simpliciter we take no objections, and there is no ground for suggesting that to any of his friends Mr. Forrest extended any preference in the department. On other grounds, however, the staff selected gives cause for great dissatisfaction.

Among the European Assistant Immigration Officers are two whose short-comings have already been reported to Government. When at the end of November, 1940, Mr. Forrest applied to Government for covering approval of the appointments which he had made, he was instructed to dispense with the services of three of them as soon as possible. One was dismissed forthwith; the other two whose past records will hardly bear close examination are still members of the Department. Further comment is surely unnecessary.

Among others recruited by Mr. Forrest are two whom the police, on good grounds, regard as shady characters and not respectable persons.

Of the Chinese staff generally little that is adverse can be said. A man who was dismissed from Government service for demanding money with menaces, and was then used as King's Evidence in a recent sensational trial, is said to be employed in the Department under an assumed name, but there is no suggestion that Mr. Forrest

was aware of his record. The police report that twenty seven members of the staff were unknown at the addresses given by them, while several others used these addresses as accommodation addresses only.

COMPLAINTS OF DISCOURTESY

We have received and investigated a number of complaints containing allegations of discourtesy shown to members of the public by Mr. Forrest or members of his staff. It is only fair to say, however, that we also received a number of tributes to the invariable courtesy, patience and helpfulness extended to the writers on their visits to the Immigration Office.

The three exceptions were the "facetious treatment" by Mr. Forrest of the Bank of China and of Mr. Ma Tsui Chiu, J.P., and "most serious allegations," made by Major O. M. Manners and Mr. W. J. Keswick regarding Mr. Forrest's behaviour on board the s.s. President Monroe.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Keswick could not appear and be questioned by Mr. Forrest. We have, however, no hesitation in accepting the evidence given that Mr. Forrest, when officially visiting a ship flying the American flag, showed bad temper and irritability, and on deck used language and gestures for which there can be no excuse. We are inclined to the opinion that Mr. Forrest at that time was so overworked and was so suffering from insomnia as to have lost that measure of self-control which is so essential in dealing with the public, and perhaps particularly so when dealing on a foreign ship with those of other races and nationalities. Mr. Forrest's conduct on this occasion may be palliated by the considerations we have just mentioned, but it cannot be excused. It was a most regrettable happening.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Under the heading of the general administration of the department we took the opportunity, during Mr. Forrest's illness, to visit the main office at Marina House, the passport and deposit refund office and the depot at West Point. Even at that time, when the flood of applicants was obviously coming, there was a steady stream of visitors and we were able to examine and test the system from the first application for a permit form to the issue of the completed permit. The system, in spite of the extremely unfavourable surroundings in which it had to be carried out, struck us as essentially a good one, adequately safeguarding Government property and public moneys and issuing permits to the public without avoidable delay.

In the early days no doubt the system did not work so smoothly as later when the staff had more experience and the pressure of work was less, but the system as in operation when we visited the office appeared to be adequate, and we see no reason why the department should not have operated normally if only a proper accounting system had been instituted; and perhaps, someone a little less temperamental than Mr. Forrest had been in charge.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission recommended that the deposit system be abandoned or drastically restricted as soon as it can conveniently be done.

Mr. Forrest has been found by us to have been at fault in two major matters; and one minor matter, that of discourtesy and lack of tact. We refer to that as a minor matter only because we are satisfied that Mr. Forrest is normally a most courteous and polite man, that in very many of his dealings with the public as Immigration Officer he displayed his usual politeness, patience and consideration and that it was only occasionally, and then, in part at least, because of ill-health and over-work, that he lost his temper and transgressed as we have found in an earlier paragraph.

FAILURE TO INSTITUTE PROPER FINANCIAL SYSTEM

As regards the first of his two major faults, in our opinion Mr. Forrest is not in himself to blame; but rather the Government who appointed him Immigration Officer. We are satisfied that Mr. Forrest is lacking in business knowledge and in administrative and organising abilities. Further he is possessed of a temperament which

AMUSING INCIDENT

An amusing incident took place at Government House on Wednesday, when an elderly Chinese man was found in the dining room by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C.

When questioned through an interpreter the man replied that he had been ruined by the Japanese who took everything he had away, and wished to make a petition to the Governor.

He was found to be mentally unbalanced.

renders him entirely unsuitable to be placed in charge of a new department, with its inevitable worries and complexities, as he is lacking in the qualities of discipline and self-control. Mr. Forrest has been in the service of Government for over twenty years and Government must have been fully cognisant of his failings in these directions.

For his second fault no such excuse can be found. We entertain no doubt that he deliberately, to further his own ends and give his own pet schemes a chance of proving their worth, disregarded the spirit of the instructions of the Governor in Council, and, by being a party to the supplemental agreement, did his best to render nugatory any orders which he might be given when the existence of the agreement with Kobza came to light.

Mr. Forrest, in our opinion, has proved himself unfit for the position of head of this, or of any other department, and we recommend that Government give the most careful consideration to the question of his retention in the public service.

UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE OF TREASURY AND SECRETARIAT

Throughout the evidence we have been struck by the unhelpful attitude towards Mr. Forrest and his needs shown by some other departments and in particular by the Treasury and the Secretariat. Mr. Forrest's evidence to us lays great stress on this point, and, in our opinion, rightly. The files which we have read, as well as the oral evidence taken by us, show a marked inclination to let things alone, hoping against hope, no doubt, that order would arise out of chaos. There is a noticeable tendency to write mordant minutes compact of destructive criticism where a little practical constructive advice would greatly have ameliorated things. Mr. Pudney's argument that because he has no disciplinary powers over other departments he is powerless to intervene does not impress us. Kindness has always proved a more potent training force than the threat of punishment for both children and animals; it might with advantage be tried in the case of heads of government departments.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL OFFICER

If the man in the street is pestered in his payment of war taxation or water rates Government has in force a most insistent and effective follow-up system which very soon ensures payment. If a ratepayer is ordered to abate a nuisance only a very short time elapses before the Government department concerned calls on him and assures itself that the necessary work has been well done. Cannot something of the same kind be done as regards Government departments? If there were an officer charged with the duty of seeing that orders given were punctually and effectively carried out, Secretariat files would cease to be, as are so many of those we have had to read, a mere record of calamity on calamity. We confidently recommend to Your Excellency the initiation of some such innovation in the government of the Colony.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Barnett, our Secretary, on whose shoulders has fallen the task of analysing a large number of files and making the contents thereof speedily and intelligibly available to us, to Mr. J. P. Murphy of the Crown Solicitor's Office for taking proofs of witnesses for us, and to our stenographers, Miss Ezra of the Supreme Court and Miss Murray of the Attorney General's Department, whose work through long sittings has been beyond praise.

The Commission of Inquiry comprised the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chairman), Mr. H. K. Woo, Mr. D. Drummond and Mr. C. Bernard Brown, with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941.

Airmail Service by British Overseas Airways Corporation to East & South Africa, United Kingdom and beyond is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

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Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung

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INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th June.	1st July.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th July.	15th July.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
MONDAY	Mon. 23rd June K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	Tue. 1st July. K.P.O. Reg. Noon Ord. Noon G.P.O. Reg. Noon Ord. 5.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 15th July K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	
TUESDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	

SOLDIER HURT IN COLLISION

A collision between a motorcycle and a lorry occurred at 9.45 a.m. yesterday, as a result of which, L/Cpl. Hill, of "B" Company, Middlesex Regiment, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital suffering slight injuries to his back.

During the heavy rain yesterday, L/Cpl. Hill was riding motorcycle No. 701 along Sai Kung Rd. near Kai Yan Road, when suddenly he collided with a motor lorry, No. 1852, driven by Cheung Fat.

Slight damage was caused to both vehicles.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on June 18:—Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Cholera, three cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery six cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, 1 case; Tuberculosis, 35 cases.

SMALL 'SLIDE'

A small landslide occurred yesterday about 9.10 a.m. at the slope between the Royal Observatory and St. Andrew's Church.

D. O. SOUTH

Lau Fat was remanded for seven days, in gaol custody, when he appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston yesterday on a charge of possession of 9,000 heroin pills, at Tai San Back Street, Cheung Chau, on Wednesday. Sub-Dist. McMahon is in charge of the case.

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JUNK ROBBERY ALLEGED

Charged with having robbed a junk and its passengers and crew in the waters of the Colony, LO KAU, who described himself as an ex-soldier of the Chinese 19th Route Army, and TE WAN, stated to be a salt fish merchant, pleaded Not Guilty before Mr. Justice Cressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Both accused were defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, while Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the prosecution.

The jury comprised of Messrs A. S. McKay (Foreman), Chiu Kwan-chee, F. P. Pereira, F. E. Castro, Wong Tak-wing, D. V. Tomashevsky and F. V. Wong.

The accused were alleged to be members of a gang that pirated a boat on May 17 near Peng Chau Island.

Both accused denied having taken part in the robbery.

Hearing was adjourned to this morning at 9.30.

DOMESTIC TROUBLE

Wong Kwai, 60, married woman, was alleged to have attempted to commit suicide yesterday at 11 a.m.

It was learned that she had domestic trouble and decided to jump into the harbour off the Yau-mat Ferry wharf, at Kowloon City.

The efforts of Mak Fong, 21, stoker on the ferry Man Fat, and Wong Sun, 20, seaman of the same ferry, saved her from drowning.

She was sent to Kowloon Hospital.